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PRODUCTION AND VALUE ESTIMATE OF HONEY, 1971

The estimate for the 1971 honey crop stands at 50.6 million pounds, a decrease of 445 thousand pounds from the 1970 production of 51.0 million pounds. However, the 1971 honey outturn is significantly above the 1959-68 average of 38.1 million pounds. The decrease in the 1971 production, as compared to that of 1970, was primarily due to a decrease in the number of colonies; although the average yield per colony increased by three pounds. The 1971 average yields per colony were higher than those of 1970 in all provinces except Manitoba.

The estimated total value of honey, in thousands of dollars, produced in the various provinces in 1971, with 1970 figures in brackets, is as follows: Prince Edward Island 9 (8), Nova Scotia 59 (50), New Brunswick 72 (46), Quebec 807 (764), Ontario 1,587 (1,451), Manitoba 1,290 (1,442), Saskatchewan 1,392 (1,035), Alberta 3,759 (2,773), and British Columbia 904 (700).

Beekeepers replying to the questionnaire on which this report is based, i.e. The October Honey Survey, were asked to give (or estimate) volume and price figures for honey sold (or to be sold) in bulk and retail containers. This information received from the beekeepers was used in calculating a weighted average price for the provinces concerned. Since much of the 1971 price data received from the beekeepers are forecasts, the 1971 value figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

Source: Estimates for the province of Quebec are prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Trade and Commerce, of that province. For all other provinces except Newfoundland, for which data are not available, the estimates are prepared by Statistics Canada in co-operation with the provinces. Two mail questionnaire surveys are conducted, one in July to obtain an estimate on the number of colonies and another in October to determine the yields per colony and the average price per pound. Provincial officials provide the mailing lists of beekeepers and aid in the interpretation of survey results.

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Estimates of the Number of Beekeepers and Colonies of Bees, Production and Value of Honey and Wax in Canada(1) by Province, 1969, 1970 and 1971 with 10 year averages 1959-68

Province and year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	Honey		Total value	Value of honey and wax
			Average yield per colony	Total production		
	No.		lb.	'000 lb.	\$'000	
P.E.I.						
Average 1959-68	70	740	70	52	11	12
1969	50	600	56	34	9	9
1970	40	500	56	28	8	8
1971	40	500	66	33	9	9
N.S.						
Average 1959-68	330	3,120	66	206	45	46
1969	320	3,300	65	214	49	51
1970	290	3,300	61	201	50	52
1971	290	3,400	69	235	59	62
N.B.						
Average 1959-68	220	1,450	66	96	31	32
1969	290	1,900	68	129	46	47
1970	280	1,900	68	129	46	48
1971	280	1,900	100	190	72	74
Que.						
Average 1959-68	1,930	47,580	63	3,018	764	783
1969	1,390	42,690	82	3,501	980	1,005
1970	1,450	44,700	57	2,548	764	784
1971	1,460	40,970	62	2,540	807	827
Ont.						
Average 1959-68	2,620	128,430	77	9,843	1,936	2,010
1969	2,220	126,570	71	8,986	1,797	1,887
1970	2,180	123,160	62	7,636	1,451	1,523
1971	2,160	115,000	63	7,245	1,587	1,653
Man.						
Average 1959-68	840	46,100	141	6,497	976	1,021
1969	800	50,000	185	9,250	1,388	1,469
1970	500	50,000	186	9,300	1,442	1,520
1971	500	50,000	150	7,500	1,290	1,355
Sask.						
Average 1959-1968	1,670	38,880	132	5,143	766	800
1969	1,000	44,000	197	8,668	1,214	1,289
1970	800	43,000	177	7,611	1,035	1,098
1971	800	43,000	186	7,998	1,392	1,464
Alta.						
Average 1959-68	1,380	84,790	131	11,138	1,668	1,750
1969	1,400	120,000	169	20,280	2,839	3,040
1970	1,200	110,000	184	20,240	2,773	2,965
1971	1,200	110,000	192	21,120	3,759	3,956
B.C.						
Average 1959-68	1,920	26,880	79	2,112	449	464
1969	1,840	30,000	75	2,250	495	514
1970	1,850 ^r	31,000	108	3,348	700	728
1971	1,900	31,650	118	3,735	904	936
Canada						
Average 1959-68	10,980	377,970	101	38,105	6,646	6,918
1969	9,310	419,060	127	53,312	8,817	9,311
1970	8,590 ^r	407,560	125	51,041	8,269	8,726
1971	8,630	396,420	128	50,596	9,879	10,336

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

^r Revised.

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