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PRODUCTION AND VALUE ESTIMATE OF HONEY, 1972

The estimate for the 1972 honey crop stands at 50.6 million pounds, a decrease of 1.4 million pounds from the revised 1971 production of 52.0 million pounds. However, the 1972 honey outturn is significantly above the 1960-69 average of 40.3 million pounds. The decrease in the 1972 production, as compared to that of 1971, was primarily due to unseasonable weather conditions causing the average yield per colony to decrease by nine pounds. The 1972 average yields per colony were lower than those of 1971 in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba.

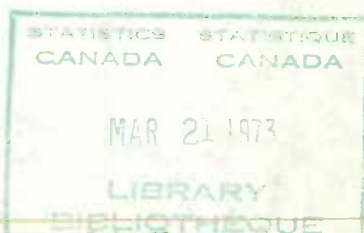
The estimated total value of honey, in thousands of dollars, produced in the various provinces in 1972, with 1971 figures in brackets, is as follows: Prince Edward Island 21 (9), Nova Scotia 137 (59), New Brunswick 64 (72), Quebec 656 (807), Ontario 2,147 (1,587), Manitoba 2,843 (1,500), Saskatchewan 2,566 (1,600), Alberta 6,045 (4283), and British Columbia 1,144 (904).

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 1972 price data received from the beekeepers are forecasts, the 1972 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, 1970, 1971 and 1972 with 10 year averages 1960-69

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 1960-69	70	700	70	49	11	11
1970	40	500	56	28	8	8
1971	40	500	66	33	9	9
1972	40	600	93	56	21	21
N.S.						
Average 1960-69	320	3,160	66	210	46	47
1970	290	3,300	61	201	50	52
1971	290	3,400	69	235	59	62
1972	270	3,800	90	342	137	140
N.B.						
Average 1960-69	220	1,500	68	102	34	34
1970	280	1,900	68	129	46	48
1971	280	1,900	100	190	72	74
1972	210	1,950	76	148	64	66
Que.						
Average 1960-69	1,830	46,660	64	2,973	768	787
1970	1,450	44,700	57	2,548	764	784
1971	1,460	40,970	62	2,540	807	827
1972	1,430	46,750	34	1,590	656	664
Ont.						
Average 1960-69	2,550	128,580	75	9,629	1,916	1,990
1970	2,180	123,160	62	7,636	1,451	1,523
1971	2,160	115,000	63	7,245	1,587	1,653
1972	2,100	103,200	65	6,708	2,147	2,213
Man.						
Average 1960-69	810	46,660	146	6,831	1,032	1,081
1970	500	50,000	186	9,300	1,442	1,520
1971	500	50,000	150	7,500	1,500	1,565
1972	470	51,500	184	9,476	2,843	2,924
Sask.						
Average 1960-69	1,520	40,160	140	5,626	830	869
1970	800	43,000	177	7,611	1,035	1,098
1971	800	43,000	186	7,998	1,600	1,672
1972	720	47,000	182	8,554	2,566	2,640
Alta.						
Average 1960-69	1,360	91,380	138	12,656	1,876	1,974
1970	1,200	110,000	184	20,240	2,773	2,965
1971	1,200	115,000	196	22,540	4,283	4,493
1972	1,200	130,000	155	20,150	6,045	6,244
B.C.						
Average 1960-69	1,810	28,020	79	2,206	473	488
1970	1,850	31,000	108	3,348	700	728
1971	1,900	31,650	118	3,735	904	936
1972	1,900	32,500	110	3,575	1,144	1,181
Canada						
Average 1960-69	10,490	386,820	104	40,282	6,986	7,281
1970	8,590	407,560	125	51,041	8,269	8,726
1971	8,630	401,420	130	52,016	10,821	11,291
1972	8,340	417,300	121	50,599	15,623	16,093

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.