

# Statistical Overview of the Canadian Honey and Bee Industry 2024

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## Overview

Beekeeping is an important agricultural industry in Canada, producing honey and other hive products, and delivering valuable pollination services to farmers of orchard fruits, berries, vegetables, forage crops, and hybrid canola seeds. In 2021, AAFC estimated that the total annual economic contribution of honey bee pollination through direct additional harvest value was about \$3.18 billion. When the estimated contribution of honey bee pollination to the production of hybrid canola seed is added, the total estimated contribution rises to \$7 billion per year.

In the 2024 season, the industry continued to respond to challenges maintaining and growing honey bee colony hive numbers in response to the 2022 and 2023 seasons' higher than usual overwinter colony losses. (For more details on provincial and national overwinter loss rates please refer to the [Canadian Association of Provincial Apiculturists reports](#)).

Despite these significant challenges the national total number of hives increased in 2024 to 829,120, which is 2.4% more than the previous year, and 4.5% higher than the average of the previous 4 years. Honey production in Canada in 2024, by volume, decreased by 18.3% from a year earlier to 78.2 million pounds. With lower volumes and modestly lower prices for honey, the 2024 total national value of the harvest declined by 24.5% over the previous year to \$214 million from \$283 million. The total value of the 2024 harvest is 15% lower than the average of the previous 4 years (\$252 million).

While beekeepers operate in all provinces, the majority (63%) of Canadian honey bee colonies were kept in the Prairie Provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta) where long summer days and large areas of forage crops for bees make it possible for beekeepers in those provinces to produce honey well in surplus to provincial demand. In contrast, the majority (60%) of beekeepers (anyone with one or more honey bee colonies) operate in Ontario and British Columbia, managing 24% of the national total of colonies. The 3 Prairie Provinces produced 79% of the total national honey production in 2024, totaling 61,791 thousand pounds (out of a total national production of 78,176 thousand pounds).

This regional concentration of honey production is echoed in the regional balance of honey exports. The Prairie Provinces were responsible for 77% of 2024 export shipments of honey by value, with the remainder (23%) of Canadian honey exports from Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia. In 2024, the United States received 63% (3,762 metric tonnes) of total annual honey exports with Japan receiving 33% (1,981 metric tonnes).

Canadian beekeepers import queen bees and package bees (a few pounds of worker bees, often with a mated queen) each spring to supplement domestic supplies of bees. These imported bees are used to rapidly replace over-winter queen and hive losses in the spring and to grow beekeeping operations over the season. Queens can be imported from certain countries and regions that have been deemed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) as safe and do not pose any unacceptable risks to Canada. Beekeepers imported 300,000 queens in 2024; most came from California and Hawaii (84.1%), with contributions from Italy (6.0%), Australia (4.7%), Chile (4.1%) and New Zealand (1.0%). In 2024, package bees were imported from a short list of approved sources: Australia, New Zealand, Italy and Chile. Beekeepers imported a total of 46,985 kg of package bees, which is 32.4% fewer than the previous year and 27% higher than the average quantity of packages received in each of the previous 4 years, including some years where imports were severely restricted due to supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19. New Zealand exported 52% (24,815 kg) of the total number of packages, 22.7% (10,643 kg) from Italy, 16.4% (7,702 kg) from Australia, and 8.1% (3,825 kg) from Chile.

# 1. Production

## 1.1. Number of beekeepers<sup>1</sup> by province

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Prince Edward Island	30	30	30	30	30	0.2%
Nova Scotia	788	886	946	927	920	6.0%
New Brunswick	450	495	513	558	545	3.5%
Quebec	485	547	495	554	507	3.3%
Ontario	2,856	3,227	3,781	3,980	4,095	26.5%
Manitoba	914	926	905	970	1,000	6.5%
Saskatchewan	1,050	1,226	1,267	1,308	1,308	8.5%
Alberta	1,621	1,754	1,817	1,700	1,800	11.7%
British Columbia	3,800	4,300	4,600	4,911	5,225	33.9%
<b>Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>11,994</b>	<b>13,391</b>	<b>14,354</b>	<b>14,938</b>	<b>15,430</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Notes:

1. Beekeeper numbers may include pollinators that may not extract honey.
2. Newfoundland and Labrador is excluded since the province has limited beekeeping.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0353-01 Production and value of honey

## 1.2. Number of colonies<sup>1</sup> by province

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Prince Edward Island	4,250	3,436	4,472	3,421	3,683	0.4%
Nova Scotia	26,282	27,751	26,531	26,028	29,776	3.6%
New Brunswick	8,456	9,250	5,892	6,568	9,100	1.1%
Quebec	67,173	74,979	57,340	68,153	66,743	8.0%
Ontario	101,989	102,328	102,562	101,161	111,263	13.4%
Manitoba	116,697	114,837	103,934	111,006	114,000	13.7%
Saskatchewan	100,000	115,000	102,000	99,000	95,000	11.5%
Alberta	283,000	324,500	300,450	309,400	315,000	38.0%
British Columbia	56,769	62,181	63,693	84,567	84,555	10.2%
<b>Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>764,616</b>	<b>834,262</b>	<b>766,874</b>	<b>809,304</b>	<b>829,120</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

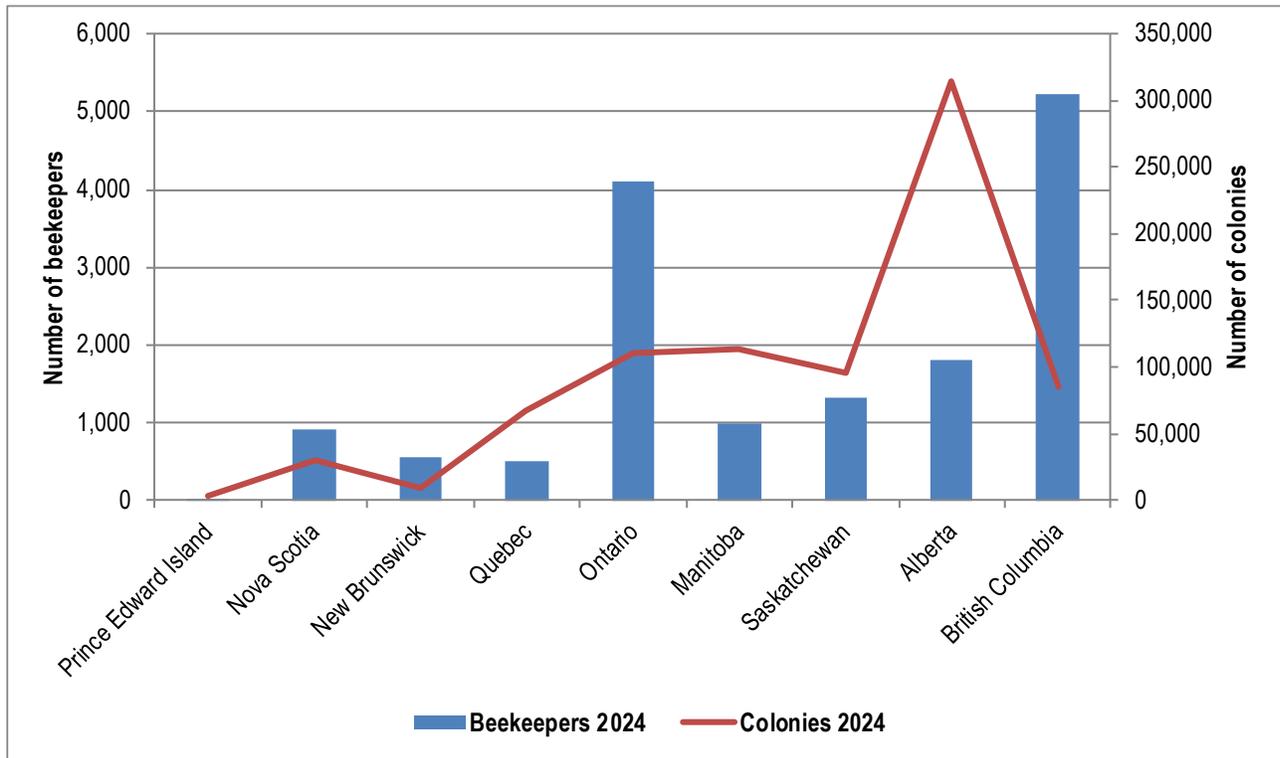
Notes:

1. Colony numbers may include pollinators that may not extract honey.
2. Newfoundland and Labrador is excluded since the province has limited beekeeping.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0353-01 Production and value of honey



### 1.3. Number of beekeepers and number of colonies by province



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0353-01 Production and value of honey

#### 1.4. Total honey production<sup>1</sup> by province – thousands of pounds

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Prince Edward Island	159	192	213	85	93	0.1%
Nova Scotia	550	530	544	428	353	0.5%
New Brunswick	346	406	238	271	170	0.2%
Quebec	2,996	4,039	3,267	4,374	4,355	5.6%
Ontario	8,535	6,402	7,591	8,003	5,851	7.5%
Manitoba	20,300	18,490	15,490	19,420	15,160	19.4%
Saskatchewan	15,700	19,665	13,464	20,048	13,300	17.0%
Alberta	30,735	34,061	29,755	36,819	33,331	42.6%
British Columbia	3,843	4,346	3,851	6,199	5,563	7.1%
<b>Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>83,165</b>	<b>88,132</b>	<b>74,413</b>	<b>95,647</b>	<b>78,176</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Notes:

1. Production excludes inventory.

2. Newfoundland and Labrador is excluded since the province has limited beekeeping.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0353-01 Production and value of honey

#### 1.5. Production value<sup>1</sup> of honey by province – thousands of Canadian dollars

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Prince Edward Island	332	462	533	277	303	0.1%
Nova Scotia	2,133	1,549	1,616	1,757	1,655	0.8%
New Brunswick	1,399	1,809	1,248	1,226	858	0.4%
Quebec	8,136	15,168	13,092	16,318	20,629	9.6%
Ontario	32,007	30,088	37,195	37,600	28,085	13.1%
Manitoba	43,435	52,868	50,752	52,329	35,298	16.5%
Saskatchewan	31,400	58,995	41,892	45,157	28,595	13.4%
Alberta	66,846	93,216	92,679	100,353	75,615	35.3%
British Columbia	13,780	14,248	17,159	28,515	23,094	10.8%
<b>Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>199,468</b>	<b>268,403</b>	<b>256,165</b>	<b>283,531</b>	<b>214,132</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Notes:

1. Value excludes inventory sales except for in Quebec.

2. Newfoundland and Labrador is excluded since the province has limited beekeeping.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0353-01 Production and value of honey

## 2. Trade

### 2.1. Trade balance

#### 2.1.1. Canada's honey trade balance – thousands of Canadian dollars

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Exports	47,371	44,723	72,201	46,300	59,668
Imports	42,576	47,481	73,936	57,477	65,605
<b>Trade Balance (Exports - Imports)</b>	<b>4,795</b>	<b>-2,758</b>	<b>-1,735</b>	<b>-11,177</b>	<b>-5,937</b>

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

### 2.2. Exports

#### 2.2.1. Canada's honey exports by province<sup>1</sup> – by value (thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Prince Edward Island	2	0	41	0	0	0.0%
Nova Scotia	113	2	13	3	3	0.0%
New Brunswick	0	0	135	0	0	0.0%
Quebec	6,200	5,374	5,734	5,973	6,017	10.1%
Ontario	2,527	6,217	7,227	6,484	5,879	9.9%
Manitoba	16,407	17,270	34,166	17,147	29,007	48.6%
Saskatchewan	7,230	3,178	6,667	4,002	6,626	11.1%
Alberta	14,387	12,080	18,036	12,463	10,024	16.8%
British Columbia	506	602	182	228	2,113	3.5%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>47,371</b>	<b>44,723</b>	<b>72,201</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>59,668</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Notes:

1. Exports may include honey not produced in that province.

0: True zero or a value rounded to zero.

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

## 2.2.2. Canada's honey exports by province<sup>1</sup> – by volume (metric tonnes)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Prince Edward Island	1	0	6	0	0	0.0%
Nova Scotia	20	0	2	1	0	0.0%
New Brunswick	0	0	19	0	0	0.0%
Quebec	965	744	751	1,049	1,017	9.4%
Ontario	398	946	987	947	1,060	9.8%
Manitoba	3,358	2,941	5,247	2,664	5,178	47.8%
Saskatchewan	1,630	599	956	596	1,387	12.8%
Alberta	2,852	2,020	2,663	1,720	1,766	16.3%
British Columbia	85	98	31	30	419	3.9%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>9,309</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>10,664</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>10,829</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Notes:

1. Exports may include honey not produced in that province.

0: True zero or a value rounded to zero.

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

## 2.2.3. Canada's top honey export destinations – by value (thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
United States	19,363	17,574	38,212	23,199	37,621	63.1%
Japan	23,735	25,096	30,710	20,899	19,809	33.2%
South Korea	671	823	1,062	1,567	1,132	1.9%
China	1,648	458	1,267	385	318	0.5%
Taiwan	54	23	46	19	164	0.3%
Hong Kong	688	144	182	10	89	0.1%
India	70	92	137	0	68	0.1%
Barbados	45	27	41	75	64	0.1%
United Kingdom	93	178	325	0	0	0.0%
Germany	580	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Others	425	307	218	147	402	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,371</b>	<b>44,723</b>	<b>72,201</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>59,668</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note:

0: True zero or a value rounded to zero.

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

## 2.2.4. Canada's top honey export destinations – by volume (metric tonnes)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
United States	4,143	2,992	5,774	3,383	7,336	67.7%
Japan	4,362	4,010	4,384	3,244	3,133	28.9%
South Korea	135	141	146	264	152	1.4%
China	295	82	190	71	57	0.5%
Taiwan	9	4	8	3	30	0.3%
India	13	17	39	0	21	0.2%
Hong Kong	120	21	28	2	16	0.2%
Barbados	9	5	7	14	12	0.1%
United Kingdom	15	26	53	0	0	0.0%
Germany	117	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Others	91	53	35	26	72	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,309</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>10,664</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>10,829</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note:

0: True zero or a value rounded to zero.

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

## 2.3. Imports

### 2.3.1. Canada's honey imports by province – by value (thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Nova Scotia	3	2	94	675	2,436	3.7%
New Brunswick	0	22	28	0	0	0.0%
Quebec	11,302	15,249	23,111	13,863	22,465	34.2%
Ontario	24,404	24,216	39,767	29,430	29,058	44.3%
Manitoba	28	378	516	433	429	0.7%
Saskatchewan	1	550	153	525	230	0.4%
Alberta	825	1,019	1,819	4,568	3,204	4.9%
British Columbia	6,013	6,045	8,447	7,983	7,783	11.9%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>42,576</b>	<b>47,481</b>	<b>73,936</b>	<b>57,477</b>	<b>65,605</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Note:						
0: True zero or a value rounded to zero.						
Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)						

### 2.3.2. Canada's honey imports by province – by volume (metric tons)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Nova Scotia	1	0	20	99	282	2.7%
New Brunswick	0	4	7	0	0	0.0%
Quebec	3,080	3,460	4,905	2,925	5,502	52.6%
Ontario	3,660	4,070	4,446	2,912	3,477	33.3%
Manitoba	2	63	97	91	58	0.6%
Saskatchewan	0	100	35	126	105	1.0%
Alberta	26	121	224	779	532	5.1%
British Columbia	376	383	831	500	496	4.7%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>7,144</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>10,566</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>10,452</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Note:						
0: True zero or a value rounded to zero.						
Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)						

### 2.3.3. Canada's top sources of honey imports – by value (thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
New Zealand	14,122	12,918	20,123	20,224	18,009	27.5%
Brazil	5,864	11,650	19,261	10,982	13,506	20.6%
United States	4,931	3,520	7,522	5,546	6,707	10.2%
India	3,342	3,391	4,695	2,000	4,565	7.0%
Australia	2,719	2,594	5,354	3,737	4,496	6.9%
Thailand	2,450	1,955	2,338	2,495	3,806	5.8%
Greece	1,439	1,628	1,780	2,057	3,054	4.7%
Argentina	295	756	1,360	419	1,853	2.8%
Saudi Arabia	990	1,373	1,774	1,728	1,598	2.4%
Spain	2,013	3,162	2,477	1,585	1,418	2.2%
Others	4,412	4,534	7,252	6,702	6,591	10.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,576</b>	<b>47,481</b>	<b>73,936</b>	<b>57,477</b>	<b>65,605</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

### 2.3.4. Canada's top sources of honey imports – by volume (metric tons)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
Brazil	1,749	2,509	3,858	2,379	3,728	35.7%
India	1,079	1,118	981	550	1,213	11.6%
Thailand	700	756	579	640	1,002	9.6%
United States	1,148	807	1,303	859	990	9.5%
Greece	255	338	233	339	518	5.0%
Argentina	84	179	280	86	400	3.8%
New Zealand	331	285	427	410	356	3.4%
Australia	223	219	467	261	348	3.3%
Spain	416	795	537	339	296	2.8%
Saudi Arabia	91	174	225	158	128	1.2%
Others	1,068	1,018	1,676	1,409	1,472	14.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,144</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>10,566</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>10,452</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

### 2.3.5. Canada's sources of package honey bee<sup>1</sup> imports – by value (Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
New Zealand	848,695	0	981,539	4,256,389	3,387,937	52.3%
Italy	0	0	0	2,075,939	1,342,702	20.7%
Australia	187,448	736,172	2,014,559	1,885,139	1,039,740	16.1%
Chile	86,400	0	199,800	357,426	704,534	10.9%
Others	14	0	5,343	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,122,557</b>	<b>736,172</b>	<b>3,201,241</b>	<b>8,574,893</b>	<b>6,474,913</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note:

1. Does not include queen bees and live bees that are not honey bees.

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

### 2.3.6. Canada's sources of package honey bee<sup>1</sup> imports – by volume (kilograms)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
New Zealand	10,804	0	12,808	26,485	24,815	52.8%
Italy	0	0	0	22,536	10,643	22.7%
Australia	1,926	8,661	40,035	16,071	7,702	16.4%
Chile	1,016	0	3,649	4,373	3,825	8.1%
Others	0	0	63	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,746</b>	<b>8,661</b>	<b>56,555</b>	<b>69,465</b>	<b>46,985</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note:

1. Does not include queen bees and live bees that are not honey bees.

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

### 2.3.7. Canada's sources of queen bee imports – by value (Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
United States	7,313,155	7,327,062	9,281,738	10,267,637	10,454,304	86.8%
Italy	136,325	471,134	533,173	586,453	602,108	5.0%
Australia	106,147	179,022	191,720	429,301	412,770	3.4%
Chile	143,554	177,519	435,838	321,786	402,568	3.3%
New Zealand	318,928	254,707	1,706,163	1,274,520	171,502	1.4%
Ukraine	727	110,927	361,059	276,613	0	0.0%
Others	21,274	6,424	33,883	18,667	654	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,040,110</b>	<b>8,526,795</b>	<b>12,543,574</b>	<b>13,174,977</b>	<b>12,043,906</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

### 2.3.8. Canada's sources of queen bee imports – by quantity (number)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
United States	193,794	220,403	255,744	260,570	252,395	84.1%
Italy	4,089	17,170	18,797	19,202	18,135	6.0%
Australia	3,023	7,302	7,294	17,861	13,977	4.7%
Chile	3,625	7,554	12,676	11,588	12,394	4.1%
New Zealand	8,721	5,452	13,122	22,629	3,083	1.0%
Ukraine	19	3,908	14,159	10,683	0	0.0%
Others	672	224	1,350	592	16	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>213,943</b>	<b>262,013</b>	<b>323,142</b>	<b>343,125</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada. (CATSNET, February 2025)

## 3. Consumption

### 3.1. Honey available<sup>1</sup> for consumption in Canada – kilograms per person

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Honey <sup>2</sup>	0.95	0.98	1.12	0.90	1.09

Notes:

1. Food available per person is calculated by dividing the domestic disappearance by the Canadian population as of July 1st of the reference year, at the retail level.

Domestic disappearance represents the total food available for human consumption from the Canadian food supply chain.

Total Supply = Beginning stocks + Production + Imports

Domestic Disappearance = Total supply – Exports – Manufacturing - Waste - Ending stocks

2. Does not adjust for losses, such as waste and/or spoilage in stores, households, private institutions or restaurants or losses during preparation.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0054-01 Food available in Canada

## 4. World data

### 4.1. World trade data

#### 4.1.1. Top exporters of honey worldwide – by value (thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
China	340,817	326,422	360,321	343,268	363,139	12.1%
New Zealand	439,327	409,760	347,062	326,677	343,115	11.5%
Argentina	230,082	274,924	321,368	247,609	254,048	8.5%
India	111,235	170,838	298,386	230,681	218,460	7.3%
Ukraine	185,340	180,765	177,849	134,816	181,678	6.1%
Germany	201,025	186,364	159,712	159,952	151,009	5.1%
Spain	150,682	161,366	156,199	155,901	147,250	4.9%
Brazil	132,113	204,008	178,882	115,168	138,086	4.6%
Hungary	119,692	118,353	102,490	96,837	103,905	3.5%
Belgium	101,113	105,744	122,972	113,206	97,714	3.3%
Viet-Nam	84,677	97,669	70,928	47,498	94,600	3.2%
Mexico	91,148	155,127	176,377	91,068	81,237	2.7%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>47,371</b>	<b>44,723</b>	<b>72,201</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>59,668</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Australia	49,901	45,847	50,503	50,753	57,116	1.9%
Poland	83,586	79,129	68,476	57,524	52,287	1.7%
Romania	65,794	73,446	67,801	53,767	51,477	1.7%
Bulgaria	53,331	59,477	55,752	51,526	46,910	1.6%
Turkey	35,080	39,126	60,283	43,106	44,790	1.5%
Netherlands	31,390	47,198	30,484	33,651	40,697	1.4%
France	38,865	43,317	47,340	41,493	39,145	1.3%
Others	434,656	495,594	495,616	395,334	422,846	14.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,027,225</b>	<b>3,319,197</b>	<b>3,421,002</b>	<b>2,836,135</b>	<b>2,989,177</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker (February 2025)

#### 4.1.2. Top exporters of honey worldwide – by volume (metric tons)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
China	132,469	145,886	155,921	152,636	169,573	21.3%
Ukraine	80,872	57,590	48,021	54,714	85,812	10.8%
Argentina	71,564	65,720	73,196	75,647	85,454	10.8%
India	54,834	70,514	86,183	98,273	83,764	10.5%
Viet-Nam	52,162	50,655	29,112	20,949	47,062	5.9%
Brazil	45,728	47,190	36,886	28,555	37,931	4.8%
Spain	28,263	28,442	28,317	27,762	26,942	3.4%
Belgium	22,454	25,907	32,335	27,239	24,264	3.1%
Mexico	27,485	33,579	34,633	22,338	19,641	2.5%
Germany	29,742	29,758	21,045	18,703	19,325	2.4%
Hungary	19,629	17,662	14,881	14,648	16,600	2.1%
Portugal	7,442	9,635	10,999	8,912	12,768	1.6%
Poland	24,891	19,277	15,036	13,982	12,749	1.6%
New Zealand	14,236	13,822	11,781	11,194	12,274	1.5%
Uruguay	15,766	10,598	9,948	7,514	11,873	1.5%
Thailand	7,672	10,315	10,967	10,910	11,780	1.5%
Romania	13,185	11,941	12,127	10,579	11,289	1.4%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>9,309</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>10,664</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>10,829</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Bulgaria	12,834	12,137	12,739	10,955	9,815	1.2%
Turkey	6,038	9,994	17,248	9,386	8,657	1.1%
Others	78,781	88,531	82,656	68,661	76,425	9.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>755,356</b>	<b>766,502</b>	<b>754,695</b>	<b>700,563</b>	<b>794,827</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker (February 2025)

#### 4.1.3. Top importers of honey worldwide – by value (thousands of Canadian dollars)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
United States	592,357	835,916	1,036,903	789,651	892,508	29.7%
Germany	373,687	395,242	396,506	310,818	311,545	10.4%
Japan	233,619	212,824	217,645	195,273	187,296	6.2%
United Kingdom	157,945	164,230	165,168	150,815	170,201	5.7%
France	173,943	151,996	183,367	156,415	150,675	5.0%
Belgium	94,983	106,372	133,735	117,658	108,857	3.6%
Italy	108,676	128,188	132,356	113,227	99,633	3.3%
Spain	88,430	104,310	122,042	92,013	95,040	3.2%
Saudi Arabia	140,765	108,202	109,405	89,727	71,491	2.4%
Poland	105,851	114,464	93,193	75,252	69,824	2.3%
Netherlands	75,328	95,232	87,287	72,490	68,769	2.3%
China	119,270	131,973	92,422	85,826	66,487	2.2%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>42,576</b>	<b>47,481</b>	<b>73,936</b>	<b>57,477</b>	<b>65,605</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Switzerland	50,582	54,470	59,759	59,427	52,738	1.8%
Australia	55,041	44,955	53,588	53,630	46,666	1.6%
Uzbekistan	240	447	259	428	38,989	1.3%
Portugal	22,899	26,920	39,885	29,747	35,980	1.2%
Austria	33,657	35,924	37,716	36,516	34,328	1.1%
Ireland	29,816	19,384	23,159	28,032	25,924	0.9%
Singapore	30,993	30,947	31,882	26,178	25,664	0.9%
Others	384,144	477,022	472,038	409,655	385,916	12.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,914,802</b>	<b>3,286,499</b>	<b>3,562,251</b>	<b>2,950,255</b>	<b>3,004,136</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker (February 2025)

#### 4.1.4. Top importers of honey worldwide – by volume (metric tons)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 % Share
United States	196,531	220,071	205,634	199,146	254,926	32.8%
Germany	90,136	78,702	75,586	64,918	72,635	9.4%
United Kingdom	52,016	45,853	51,428	50,923	60,302	7.8%
Japan	49,348	47,132	47,276	41,924	45,416	5.8%
Belgium	28,089	31,607	39,746	37,248	37,160	4.8%
Spain	31,690	31,628	37,568	31,380	35,585	4.6%
France	34,913	29,348	35,538	31,309	33,690	4.3%
Poland	37,453	37,594	31,769	27,004	26,470	3.4%
Italy	21,041	24,116	24,770	22,159	23,410	3.0%
Netherlands	13,584	17,711	17,392	15,322	16,310	2.1%
Saudi Arabia	23,529	20,856	21,271	15,488	13,800	1.8%
Portugal	8,707	9,463	13,594	10,484	12,921	1.7%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>7,144</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>10,566</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>10,452</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Greece	8,596	7,822	9,714	8,612	9,962	1.3%
Ireland	7,461	4,535	6,755	8,802	9,185	1.2%
Australia	8,010	7,921	7,920	8,821	9,015	1.2%
Switzerland	8,192	8,235	8,615	8,213	7,997	1.0%
Austria	6,899	6,762	6,605	6,390	6,600	0.8%
Czech Republic	3,584	5,641	5,553	3,858	6,058	0.8%
South Africa	6,173	6,868	2,629	4,714	5,036	0.6%
Others	76,922	92,871	94,261	80,401	79,673	10.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>720,018</b>	<b>742,936</b>	<b>754,190</b>	<b>684,547</b>	<b>776,603</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Global Trade Tracker (February 2025)

## 4.2. World production

### 4.2.1. Top producers of honey worldwide<sup>1</sup> – by volume (metric tons)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023% Share
China	444,054	458,100	472,700	461,900	463,500	27.9%
Türkiye	109,330	104,077	96,344	118,297	114,886	6.9%
Ethiopia	150,258	129,301	52,034	73,120	84,591	5.1%
Iran	72,424	74,015	76,484	78,386	80,389	4.8%
Argentina	71,195	73,539	72,919	73,047	73,395	4.4%
India	67,961	70,546	74,000	75,732	70,850	4.3%
Russia	63,526	66,368	64,533	67,014	64,511	3.9%
Brazil	45,801	52,493	55,679	62,494	64,189	3.9%
United States	71,179	66,948	57,490	56,849	62,855	3.8%
Mexico	61,986	54,165	62,079	64,320	58,033	3.5%
Ukraine	69,937	68,028	68,558	63,079	57,919	3.5%
<b>Canada</b>	<b>39,295</b>	<b>37,723</b>	<b>39,976</b>	<b>33,753</b>	<b>41,643</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Tanzania	30,996	31,466	31,613	31,868	31,613	1.9%
South Korea	27,956	29,811	29,514	29,857	29,468	1.8%
Viet Nam	21,847	21,500	21,461	23,806	24,657	1.5%
Others	522,726	493,070	462,750	523,467	340,060	20.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,870,470</b>	<b>1,831,150</b>	<b>1,738,133</b>	<b>1,836,989</b>	<b>1,662,560</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note:

1. FAO production data for the year 2024 was not yet available at the time of writing this report.

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations | © FAO Statistics Division 2025



## 5. Key Resources

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Statistics Division
- Global Trade Tracker
- Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0353-01 Production and value of honey
- Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0054-01 Food available in Canada
- Statistics Canada. CATSNET

Import and export data is based on the following Harmonized System Codes (H.S. Codes):

**Honey for import:** 0409000010; 0409000021; 0409000022; 0409000023; 0409000024;  
0409000025; 0409000026; 0409000029; 0409000090

**Honey for export:** 04090000

**Honey Bees for import:** 0106410010; 0106410011; 0106410012; 0106900011; 0106900012

**Queen Bees for import:** 0106410020