

Hives and Honey.—The data on apicultural production in Canada for the years 1933 and 1934, as given in the following table, have been furnished by the provincial Departments of Agriculture and compiled in consultation with the Dominion Apiarist. The estimates for Ontario have been compiled on a new basis and are not strictly comparable with estimates published previously. Values are as quoted by the provincial Departments and represent for the most part average wholesale prices; for British Columbia, the values, as in previous years, have been calculated on what is considered a fair average of the wholesale and retail prices.

Statistics of beeswax, where not furnished by the provinces, have been estimated at 1.2 p.c. of the honey crop and valued at the average price of 25 cents per pound in 1934 and 23.4 cents per pound in 1933.

Table 35 shows for Canada, by provinces, the number of beekeepers, number of hives, average production per colony, and the production and value of honey and wax for the years 1933 and 1934. The increase in quantity of honey in 1934 as compared with 1933 was 1,353,966 lb. or 5.9 p.c., and in value \$234,845 or 11.7 p.c.

Figures of honey production, as at the Censuses of 1921 and 1931, were given at p. 285 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book.

35.—Production and Value of Honey and Beeswax in Canada, by Provinces, 1933 and 1934.

Province and Year.	Bee-keepers.	Hives.	Honey.				Beeswax.		Total Value Honey and Wax.
			Average Yield per Hive.	Total Production.	Average Price per lb.	Total Value.	Production.	Value.	
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	cents.	\$	lb.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....									
1933	1	1	1	12,000	12.0	1,400	144	34	1,434
1934	1	1	1	5,500	8.5	468	66	17	485
Nova Scotia.....									
1933	257	1,348	51.2	68,998	12.7	8,783	828	194	8,977
1934	250	1,300	39.2	51,000	15.4	7,850	612	153	8,003
New Brunswick..									
1933	1	1	1	50,000	12.0	6,000	600	140	6,140
1934	1	1	1	75,000	12.4	9,375	900	225	9,600
Quebec.....									
1933	5,801	70,530	57.3	4,024,900	11.0	447,800	53,700	18,700	466,500
1934	5,555	71,382	68.0	3,654,800	10.0	356,700	50,700	10,100	366,800
Ontario.....									
1933	9,000	193,000	60.0	11,870,000	7.4	895,000	143,900	28,800	923,800
1934	8,500	187,000	65.0	12,155,000	8.4	1,025,500	150,700	37,700	1,066,200
Manitoba.....									
1933	2,600	28,000	136.0	3,800,000	8.0	304,000	45,600	10,670	314,670
1934	3,133	41,701	112.0	4,669,153	8.6	400,252	44,998	9,000	409,252
Saskatchewan....									
1933	1,895	8,823	104.9	925,546	10.8	99,786	11,107	2,599	102,385
1934	2,358	11,225	57.6	647,232	11.2	72,419	7,767	1,942	74,361
Alberta.....									
1933	323	5,800	172.4	1,000,000	9.0	90,000	12,500	1,500	91,500
1934	1,013	9,391	159.7	1,500,000	10.0	150,000	18,750	2,810	152,810
British Columbia...									
1933	2,821	22,009	54.6	1,164,350	14.0	157,200	11,643	2,900	160,100
1934	3,081	22,260	60.4	1,512,070	14.5	219,250	15,120	3,750	223,030
Canada ...									
1933	-	-	-	22,915,794	8.8	2,009,969	286,022	65,537	2,075,506
1934	-	-	-	24,269,760	9.2	2,244,814	299,613	65,727	2,310,541

¹ Information not available.