

Apiculture.—Data on apicultural production are shown by provinces for the years 1936 and 1937 in Table 33. Numbers of beekeepers and colonies, and the production estimates for honey and beeswax have been furnished for the most part by the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. Crop valuations have been made on the basis of the average farm prices reported by the Bureau's crop correspondents. Production in 1937 showed a decrease of 23 p.c. in both volume and value as compared with the crop of the previous year. An estimate of the 1938 honey crop places production at 37,278,900 lb., the highest on record.

33.—Estimated Production and Value of Honey and Beeswax in Canada, by Provinces, 1936 and 1937.

NOTE.—Figures of honey production, as at the Censuses of 1921 and 1931 will be found at p. 285 of the 1934-36 Year Book.

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.	cts.	\$	lb.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island..... 1936	1	330	42.2	14,000	14.0	1,950	200	50	2,000
..... 1937	1	400	40.0	16,150	12.0	1,950	250	70	2,020
Nova Scotia..... 1936	240	1,250	42.2	62,750	17.0	9,000	1,800	500	9,500
..... 1937	240	1,250	40.0	50,000	16.0	8,000	1,800	400	8,400
New Brunswick.. 1936	180	600	83.3	50,000	18.0	9,000	750	200	9,200
..... 1937	470	1,000	80.0	80,000	18.0	14,400	1,200	350	14,750
Quebec..... 1936	6,800	71,500	75.3	5,395,550	10.0	539,600	69,400	18,000	557,600
..... 1937	7,300	69,800	49.0	3,589,000	10.0	358,900	52,800	14,300	373,200
Ontario..... 1936	8,200	195,000	46.0	8,970,000	10.0	897,000	110,200	30,850	927,850
..... 1937	8,100	204,000	32.0	6,520,000	10.0	652,000	81,250	23,550	675,550
Manitoba..... 1936	3,450	51,300	158.6	8,135,500	9.0	732,200	82,000	16,400	748,600
..... 1937	3,550	55,200	122.0	6,748,550	9.0	607,400	87,500	16,900	624,300
Saskatchewan..... 1936	3,000	17,100	155.1	2,636,300	11.0	290,000	39,500	10,700	300,700
..... 1937	3,900	23,700	48.2	1,142,650	11.0	125,700	17,100	4,800	130,500
Alberta..... 1936	1,150	12,200	152.0	1,850,000	11.0	203,500	27,750	7,500	211,000
..... 1937	1,250	14,000	154.7	2,160,000	10.0	216,000	32,400	9,100	225,100
British Columbia... 1936	3,080	21,000	53.7	1,129,700	15.0	169,450	11,300	2,800	172,250
..... 1937	3,080	21,000	67.8	1,427,000	15.0	214,050	14,300	4,300	218,350
Totals..... 1936	1	379,280	76.2	28,233,600	19.1	2,651,700	342,700	87,000	2,938,700
..... 1937	1	396,350	55.7	21,753,250	19.1	2,198,400	268,600	73,770	2,272,170

† Information not available.

Subsection 7.—Farm Labour and Wages.

Average Wages of Farm Help.—The cost of farm labour reached its highest point in 1920. In the next two years there was a rapid drop, while from 1923 until 1929 there was little change. The years 1930 to 1933 showed continuous marked reductions in average values of yearly wages and board, following the downward trend of the prices of farm produce. From 1934 to 1938 slight increases were registered.