

of generally high quality due to the abundance of sweet clover in the Prairie Provinces. The almost phenomenal expansion in production in these provinces has been due largely to the introduction of sweet clover and the expansion in acreage of this crop.

Numbers of beekeepers and colonies have shown a gradual increase since 1924. This increase has been sharply marked in the Prairie Provinces, where there were over 8,000 beekeepers in 1938 reporting 97,000 colonies as compared with less than 2,000 beekeepers and 14,000 colonies in 1924.

The production of beeswax in 1938 was estimated at 446,850 lb. as compared with 286,650 lb. in 1937. The first estimate of the 1939 crop shows a total production of 27,911,500 lb. of honey and 334,900 lb. of wax.

While production of honey has more than doubled during the past fifteen years, prices have declined during the same period. The average price received by producers for the 1938 crop was estimated at 7·8 cents per lb. as compared with 9·0 cents per lb. in 1937 and 12·4 cents per lb. in 1924. Total value of production, including beeswax, was estimated at \$3,027,400 for the 1938 crop as compared with \$2,163,700 in 1937 and \$2,183,100 in 1924.

**33.—Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies, Production of Honey, and Values of Honey and Beeswax in Canada, 1924-38.**

NOTE.—Statistics by provinces are shown in the "Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics", March, 1939, pp. 123-125.

Year.	Bee-keepers.	Colonies.	Honey.				Value of Honey and Wax.
			Average Production per Hive.	Total Production.	Average Price per Pound to Producers.	Total Value.	
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	cts.	\$	\$
1924.....	22,200	282,000	60	16,839,800	12·4	2,084,900	2,183,100
1925.....	22,600	309,400	65	19,977,400	12·1	2,413,600	2,527,300
1926.....	22,300	307,500	63	19,525,600	12·3	2,406,900	2,520,300
1927.....	22,800	323,800	72	23,230,800	11·8	2,752,600	2,882,300
1928.....	22,700	335,700	66	22,224,600	11·0	2,440,600	2,555,600
1929.....	22,300	345,900	67	23,164,000	9·2	2,127,900	2,228,200
1930.....	24,200	362,100	68	24,486,500	8·3	2,037,600	2,133,600
1931.....	24,000	350,500	72	25,106,400	8·0	2,000,900	2,095,200
1932.....	24,600	349,300	61	21,169,300	7·5	1,588,400	1,663,200
1933.....	23,100	328,200	77	25,287,800	8·6	2,165,500	2,256,900
1934.....	24,300	328,400	82	27,062,800	9·2	2,479,700	2,574,700
1935.....	24,800	357,000	75	26,814,800	8·3	2,228,500	2,337,500
1936.....	26,300	370,800	86	31,938,100	8·5	2,701,200	2,822,900
1937.....	27,900	386,400	60	23,196,600	9·0	2,067,700	2,163,700
1938.....	27,400	393,900	95	37,268,700	7·8	2,891,000	3,027,400

**34.—Revised Estimates of Canadian Honey Production, by Provinces, 1934-38.**

Province.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Prince Edward Island.....	5,500	9,500	14,000	16,200	11,300
Nova Scotia.....	51,000	47,100	60,000	46,100	55,000
New Brunswick.....	63,000	42,000	42,000	67,000	50,000
Quebec.....	3,654,800	4,013,600	5,395,600	3,588,700	5,108,200
Ontario.....	14,960,000	14,282,000	12,675,000	8,000,000	15,708,000
Manitoba.....	4,669,200	4,978,000	8,135,500	6,748,600	9,539,900
Saskatchewan.....	647,200	1,051,400	2,636,300	1,142,500	2,794,200
Alberta.....	1,500,000	1,100,000	1,850,000	2,160,000	2,418,000
British Columbia.....	1,512,100	1,291,200	1,129,700	1,427,500	1,584,100
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>27,062,800</b>	<b>26,814,800</b>	<b>31,938,100</b>	<b>23,196,600</b>	<b>37,268,700</b>