

occurred in the autumn and the honey, though of excellent quality, graded mostly light and dark amber. All districts in Ontario, except those bordering on the eastern end of Lake Erie and Grey-Bruce Peninsula produced normal, or better than normal, crops of good quality honey. Spring and early summer weather in Manitoba were the most unsatisfactory in the history of the industry. From early July, however, the situation improved and the autumn flow was excellent. In Saskatchewan the honey flow did not commence until mid-July and was over by mid-August. In spite of the lower average yields, owing to the very large increase that had taken place in the number of colonies, production exceeded the 1942 crop. Cool, wet weather prevailed in Alberta as well with the result that production varied from 140 lb. per colony in the irrigated districts to 50 lb. in other parts of that Province. In British Columbia, too, the season was one of the poorest on record but a 25 p.c. increase in the number of beekeepers made up for the below average yields per colony and the crop was of normal size.

The western honey crop was practically all white honey of excellent flavour and quality, mild and heavy bodied. Approximately 87 p.c. of the total Canadian crop was light honey.

38.—Beekeepers and Colonies, Production and Values of Honey and Beeswax in Canada, 1938-43

NOTE.—Statistics by provinces are shown in the "Quarterly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics". Dominion totals for 1924-37 are given at p. 227 of the 1940 Year Book.

Year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	Honey				Beeswax		Value of Honey and Wax
			Average Production per Hive	Total Production	Average Price per lb. to Producers	Total Value	Production	Value	
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	cts.	\$	lb.	\$	\$
1938....	27,300	394,000	116	45,701,900	7.6	3,487,800	685,528	138,100	3,626,000
1939....	28,000	406,000	85	34,376,100	8.6	2,958,200	515,641	116,300	3,074,500
1940....	27,150	398,540	71	28,215,300	10.3	2,913,600	423,229	121,700	3,035,300
1941....	27,360	409,740	81	33,220,700	11.3	3,755,700	498,310	195,500	3,951,200
1942....	28,430	427,050	66	28,048,700	13.7	3,842,600	420,730	186,300	4,028,900
1943....	34,250	449,650	88	39,492,100	15.4	6,095,000	592,400	276,200	6,371,200

39.—Canadian Honey Production, by Provinces, 1938-43

Province	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Prince Edward Island.....	11,300	12,400	18,900	12,200	33,500	32,000
Nova Scotia.....	64,100	77,000	78,200	82,600	80,600	72,500
New Brunswick.....	90,100	82,800	124,000	124,800	225,000	232,200
Quebec.....	5,108,200	4,355,400	3,112,300	3,642,600	4,026,900	5,000,000
Ontario.....	24,092,000	17,003,000	14,044,000	17,733,000	11,760,000	19,212,000
Manitoba.....	9,539,900	5,400,000	3,669,900	4,970,000	3,142,000	4,503,000
Saskatchewan.....	2,794,200	4,262,600	3,682,000	2,966,500	4,947,100	5,364,600
Alberta.....	2,418,000	2,178,000	2,222,000	3,120,000	2,500,000	3,800,000
British Columbia.....	1,584,100	1,004,900	1,264,000	1,169,000	1,333,600	1,275,800
Totals.....	45,701,900	34,376,100	28,215,300	33,220,700	28,048,700	39,492,100