

Most of the syrup sold in Canada is marketed direct to the consumer by the producers in one-gallon cans but a considerable amount of both sugar and syrup is sold each year to processing firms. These firms melt the sugar and blend it with syrup to produce a uniform grade of syrup which is then sold in bottles.

Sugar Beets and Beetroot Sugar.—Sugar beets are grown in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, six sugar-beet factories being located in these provinces. In Quebec, sugar beets have been grown only since 1942 and production centres around St. Hilaire, south of Montreal in the Eastern Townships. The area harvested in Quebec in 1947 was 1,600 acres although the plant at St. Hilaire has a capacity to handle production from 10,000 acres. In Ontario, sugar-beet factories are located at Wallaceburg and Chatham. The acreage in Ontario declined steadily from 38,169 in 1940 to only 9,287 in 1943. Since that year, however, the acreage has again expanded and in 1947, 18,600 acres were cropped, though production still remained well below the capacity of the two plants and only the Chatham factory processed beets in 1947. Sugar-beet production in Manitoba also declined during 1941-44. In 1940, the area harvested was 15,682 acres while in 1947 the area amounted to only 9,000 acres. The sugar-beet plant in Manitoba is located at Fort Garry. Sugar-beet production in Alberta is carried on in the neighbourhood of Raymond and Picture Butte. This area has seen a steady increase during the last six years with the acreage in 1947 amounting to 29,300 acres.

35.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Sugar Beets, and Quantities and Values of Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced, 1939-47

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1939 will be found in corresponding tables in previous editions of the Year Book.

Year	Sugar Beets					Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced		
	Seeded Area	Yield per Acre	Total Yield	Average Price per Ton	Total Value	Quantity	Value	Price per Pound
	acres	tons	tons	\$	\$	lb.	\$	cts.
1939.....	59,603	9.84	586,444	7.53	4,417,372	169,320,343	8,063,332	4.8
1940.....	82,270	10.03	825,344	7.30	6,022,670	213,602,511	10,853,665	5.1
1941.....	70,803	10.01	708,616	8.16	5,781,151	215,879,271	11,639,825	5.4
1942.....	64,768	10.84	701,884	9.17	6,434,517	189,066,870	11,349,746	6.0
1943.....	57,483	8.25	474,378	9.68	4,592,240	129,268,010	8,728,995	6.8
1944.....	70,446	8.02	564,927	9.91	5,598,393	165,318,840	11,281,052	6.8
1945.....	63,134	9.80	618,790	10.01	6,192,942	163,837,790	11,198,989	6.8
1946.....	71,939	10.23	735,849	10.91	8,030,859	205,779,800	14,022,621	6.8
1947.....	67,376	8.99	605,741	14.06	8,517,159	156,262,700	13,208,824	8.4

Fibre-Flax.—Fibre-flax is grown chiefly in Quebec and Ontario with smaller areas located in Alberta and British Columbia. In 1948 the producers in Quebec almost doubled their acreage but in the other provinces the acreage continued to show the downward trend that has been evident for the last few years. Uncertainty of markets and competition from other countries, where production costs are not