

**Sugar Beets and Beetroot Sugar.**—Sugar beets are grown in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta and six beetroot sugar factories are 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 1948 was 2,900 acres although the plant at St. Hilaire has capacity to handle production from 10,000 acres. In Ontario, beetroot sugar 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 1948, 18,500 acres were cropped, though production still remained well below the capacity of the two plants and only the Chatham factory processed beets in 1948. Sugar-beet production in Manitoba also declined during 1941-44. In 1940, the area harvested was 15,682 acres while in 1948 the area amounted to only 9,500 acres. The sugar-beet plant in Manitoba is located at Fort Garry. Beetroot sugar 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 1948 amounting to 29,200 acres.

### 38.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Sugar Beets, and Quantities and Values of Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced, 1939-48

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1939 will be found in corresponding tables of 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 lb.
	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	11,639,525	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
1948.....	66,501	9.46	629,206	14.76	9,286,676	175,641,250	15,063,858	8.9

**Apiculture.**—The 1948 honey crop was of near-record proportions. Because the increase took place in all major producing provinces, considerable difficulty was experienced in marketing the crop. Prices early in the season were at 1947 levels but when it became apparent that there was more honey than the market could readily absorb, prices dropped rapidly. Representations were made to the Canadian Government for assistance and as a result the Government undertook to purchase 5,000,000 lb. at a basic price of 14 cents per lb. f.o.b. Montreal. About 3,000,000 lb. came forward, two-thirds of which was white honey.