

**39.—Beekeepers and Colonies, Production and Values of Honey and Beeswax, 1939-48**

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1939 will be found in corresponding tables of previous editions of the 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.	\$	\$
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
1944....	40,700	508,500	71	36,264,000	15.0	5,534,000	543,900	250,200	5,784,200
1945....	43,300	522,500	63	33,020,000	16.0	5,439,000	487,000	226,000	5,665,000
1946....	43,200	541,800	43	23,185,000	18.0	4,149,000	327,000	158,000	4,307,000
1947....	39,200	588,700	63	37,078,000	25.0	9,160,000	425,000	200,000	9,360,000
1948....	32,100	569,800	79	45,145,000	21.0	9,336,000	666,000	295,000	9,631,000

**40.—Honey Production, by Provinces, 1943-48**

Province	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Prince Edward Island.....	32,000	44,000	46,000	15,000	57,000	64,000
Nova Scotia.....	72,500	65,000	83,000	65,000	112,000	125,000
New Brunswick.....	232,200	185,000	104,000	109,000	142,000	200,000
Quebec.....	5,000,000	4,900,000	4,487,000	1,900,000	5,399,000	4,831,000
Ontario.....	19,212,000	15,022,000	9,095,000	5,685,000	12,290,000	15,736,000
Manitoba.....	4,503,000	5,271,000	4,860,000	4,810,000	5,180,000	6,525,000
Saskatchewan.....	5,364,600	4,376,000	7,328,000	3,953,000	6,232,000	6,492,000
Alberta.....	3,800,000	5,130,000	6,000,000	6,192,000	6,507,000	10,254,000
British Columbia.....	1,275,800	1,271,000	1,017,000	456,000	1,159,000	918,000
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>39,492,100</b>	<b>36,264,000</b>	<b>33,620,000</b>	<b>23,185,000</b>	<b>37,078,000</b>	<b>45,145,000</b>

**Maple Sugar and Maple Syrup.**—Production of maple sugar and syrup remains at a relatively high level in Canada. The centre of the industry is in the counties south of the St. Lawrence River in Quebec where much of the sugar and syrup for export is made.

While a considerable quantity of sap is made into syrup, maple butter and "la tire" or maple taffy, much of the crop is marketed as block sugar, the blocks varying in size from 1 to 15 lb. depending on the type of mold used by the farmer. The chief market for Canadian maple syrup and sugar is the United States. During the 1949-50 season, 340,000 gal. of syrup and 7,557,000 lb. of sugar, with a total value of \$4,538,000, were exported.

Most of the maple syrup sold in Canada is marketed direct to the consumer by the producer, but a considerable amount of both sugar and syrup is sold each year to processing firms, where it is blended to produce a uniform grade of syrup.