

35.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Sugar Beets and Quantities and Values of Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced 1950-54 and Average for 1945-49

Year	Sugar Beets					Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced		
	Harvested Area	Yield per Acre	Total Yield	Average Price per Ton	Total Value	Quantity	Value	Price per lb.
	acres	tons	tons	\$	\$	lb.	\$	cts.
Av. 1945-49.....	66,000	10.48	690,000	12.74	8,788,000	185,275,106	14,865,278	8.02
1950.....	102,000	11.10	1,128,000	16.28	18,367,000	300,185,390	30,845,292	10.28
1951.....	93,000	10.37	965,000	14.96	14,443,000	247,753,449	26,445,879	10.67
1952.....	93,000	11.05	1,023,000	15.15	15,493,000	298,245,300	29,041,841	9.73
1953.....	82,000	10.99	900,000	13.40	12,061,000	245,476,088	21,943,670	8.94
1954.....	90,000	11.10	1,004,000	12.32	12,365,000	220,664,336	19,107,800	8.66

Apiculture.—Honey is produced commercially in all provinces of Canada except Newfoundland, Ontario being the largest producer. There is a considerable movement of honey from the Prairie Provinces to other parts of Canada. In recent years exports have been small, the United States being the most important external market.

Honey statistics have been compiled on an all-Canada basis since 1924 and show that the largest recorded crop was in 1948 when 45,145,000 lb. were produced. The smallest crop since 1924 was that of 1954 which amounted to 19,885,000 lb. The reduced production of recent years was owing to reduction in the number of bee colonies but that of 1954 was attributed to low average yields per colony resulting from unfavourable weather conditions in most provinces.

In order to facilitate storage, shipment and uniformity of quality, considerable quantities of Canadian honey are pasteurized. Beekeepers' marketing co-operatives are active in several provinces.

Bees are kept in some of the fruit growing and greenhouse districts of the country chiefly for purposes of pollination.

36.—Beekeepers and Bee Colonies, Production and Value of Honey and Beeswax 1950-54 and Average for 1945-49

Year	Bee-keepers	Bee Colonies	Honey				Beeswax		Value of Honey and Wax
			Average Production per Hive	Total Production	Average Price per lb. to Producers	Total Value	Production	Value	
			lb.	lb.	cts.	\$	lb.	\$	
Av. 1945-49.	36,740	539,200	63	33,982,000	19	6,457,000	474,000	213,000	6,670,000
1950.....	22,180	430,000	66	28,351,000	15	4,282,000	425,000	166,000	4,448,000
1951.....	18,900	406,300	101	40,909,000	16	6,445,000	590,000	294,000	6,739,000
1952.....	15,950	385,600	81	31,230,000	15	4,680,000	463,000	217,000	4,897,000
1953.....	13,950	341,300	77	26,384,000	16	4,099,000	390,000	174,000	4,273,000
1954.....	14,940	339,700	59	19,885,000	17	3,424,000	282,000	124,000	3,548,000