

Honey.—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, imports being higher than exports.

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. Production in 1957 was 32,051,000 lb.

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.

37.—Beekeepers and Bee Colonies, Production and Value of Honey and Beeswax 1955-57, with Average for 1950-54

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	Pro-duction	Value	
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	cts.	\$	lb.	\$	\$
Av. 1950-54	17,170	380,500	77	29,345,000	16	4,585,000	430,000	195,000	4,780,000
1955.....	14,150	323,600	77	25,031,000	18	4,399,000	367,000	178,000	4,577,000
1956.....	14,410	330,000	74	24,272,000	18	4,419,000	355,000	180,000	4,599,000
1957.....	15,040	325,700	98	32,051,000	18	5,795,000	473,000	253,000	6,048,000

38.—Honey Production, by Province, 1955-57 with Average for 1950-54

Province	Av. 1950-54	1955	1956	1957
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Newfoundland.....
Prince Edward Island.....	69	66	92	55
Nova Scotia.....	122	134	161	170
New Brunswick.....	118	86	101	90
Quebec.....	3,866	3,717	2,941	3,728
Ontario.....	11,952	7,119	6,372	11,111
Manitoba.....	4,729	5,057	5,000	5,208
Saskatchewan.....	3,211	3,271	3,348	3,819
Alberta.....	4,149	4,611	4,724	6,459
British Columbia.....	1,129	970	1,533	1,411
Totals.....	29,345	25,031	24,272	32,051

Maple Sugar and Syrup.—Maple syrup is produced in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The bulk of the crop comes from the Eastern Townships of Quebec, a district famous both in Canada and the United States as the centre of the maple products industry. Virtually all of the maple products exported are sent to the United States with the larger proportion moving as sugar, although substantial quantities of syrup are also shipped.

Much of the syrup sold in Canada is marketed in one-gallon cans direct to the consumer from the producer but a considerable amount of both sugar and syrup is sold each year to processing firms.