

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 1959 was 31,527,000 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 districts mainly for purposes of pollination.

36.—Honey and Beeswax Production 1957-59, with Average for 1950-54

Item	Av. 1950-54	1957	1958	1959
Honey—				
Total production.....'000 lb.	29,345	32,051	27,509	31,527
Average production per colony..... lb.	77	98	83	95
Total value.....\$'000	4,585	5,906	4,632	..
Average price per lb. to producers..... cts.	16	18	17	..
Beeswax—				
Production.....'000 lb.	430	473	408	..
Value.....\$'000	195	253	187	..
Total Value, Honey and Beeswax..... \$'000	4,780	6,159	4,819	..
Beekeepers..... No.	17,170	15,040	13,150	14,180
Bee colonies..... "	380,500	325,700	332,700	330,700

37.—Honey Production, by Province, 1957-59, with Average for 1950-54

Province	Av. 1950-54	1957	1958	1959
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Newfoundland.....
Prince Edward Island.....	69	55	65	61
Nova Scotia.....	122	170	162	180
New Brunswick.....	118	90	98	62
Quebec.....	3,866	3,728	2,407	3,952
Ontario.....	11,952	11,111	5,678	11,125
Manitoba.....	4,729	5,208	5,316	5,905
Saskatchewan.....	3,211	3,819	4,043	3,838
Alberta.....	4,149	6,459	7,574	5,095
British Columbia.....	1,129	1,411	2,166	1,309
Totals.....	29,345	32,051	27,509	31,527

Maple Sugar and Maple 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 in 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.