

**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.

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 1960 was 32,224,000 lb. and in 1961, 34,476,000 lb. The increased quantity in 1961 was brought about by slightly higher yields per colony and a moderate increase in colony numbers. However, the number of active beekeepers, estimated at 11,660 in 1961, was considerably below the 1960 total of 12,570. Average production per colony in 1961 stood at 102 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 1959-61, with Averages for 1950-54 and 1955-59

Item	Av. 1950-54	Av. 1955-59	1959	1960	1961
<b>Honey—</b>					
Total production..... '000 lb.	29,345	28,145	31,527	32,224	35,030
Average production per colony..... lb.	77	85	95	98	104
Total value..... \$'000	4,585	4,929	5,451	5,179	5,351
Average price per lb. to producers..... cts.	16	18	17	16	15
<b>Beeswax—</b>					
Production..... '000 lb.	430	412	517	479	520
Value..... \$'000	195	204	255	215	235
<b>Total Value, Honey and Beeswax..... \$'000</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>5,143</b>	<b>5,706</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>5,586</b>
Beekeepers..... No.	17,170	14,186	14,180	12,570	11,663
Bee colonies..... "	380,500	328,340	330,700	327,340	336,910

### 37.—Honey Production, by Province, 1959-61, with Averages for 1950-54 and 1955-59

Province	Av. 1950-54	Av. 1955-59	1959	1960	1961
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Newfoundland.....	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island.....	69	68	61	65	73
Nova Scotia.....	122	161	180	146	242
New Brunswick.....	118	87	62	86	82
Quebec.....	3,866	3,349	3,952	2,284	2,971
Ontario.....	11,952	8,281	11,125	9,232	8,806
Manitoba.....	4,729	5,297	5,905	6,380	6,380
Saskatchewan.....	3,211	3,664	3,838	4,515	3,930
Alberta.....	4,149	5,693	5,095	7,576	9,912
British Columbia.....	1,129	1,478	1,309	1,940	2,080
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>29,345</b>	<b>28,078</b>	<b>31,527</b>	<b>32,224</b>	<b>34,476</b>

**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.

Table 38 shows maple sugar and syrup production for 1950-61. Estimated output of the 1961 maple crop, expressed as syrup, was 2,827,000 gal.