

Honey.—Honey statistics have been compiled on an all-Canada basis since 1924. Production in 1963 was 42,100,000 lb., second in amount to the 45,100,000-lb. crop of 1948 but considerably larger than the 1962 crop of only 30,700,000 lb. The 1963 increase was attributable mainly to a higher average yield per colony and, to a lesser extent, a larger number of colonies operated.

Honey is produced commercially in all provinces except Newfoundland and yields tend to vary considerably from year to year. Ontario usually has been the largest producer but in 1963 Alberta's output, estimated at 11,600,000 lb., surpassed Ontario's 11,000,000 lb.; Manitoba was third, followed by Saskatchewan and Quebec. Honey bees are kept in some of the fruit growing districts of the country for purposes of pollination and are also used for the pollination of certain seed crops.

To facilitate storage, shipment and uniformity of quality, large quantities of Canadian honey are pasteurized. Beekeepers' marketing co-operatives are active in several provinces. In 1963, 4,350,000 lb. of honey valued at \$982,000 were exported from Canada, mainly to Britain.

33.—Honey and Beeswax Production 1961-63, with Average for 1956-60

Item	Av. 1956-60	1961	1962*	1963
Honey—				
Total production..... '000 lb.	29,517	35,030	30,713	42,142
Average production per colony..... lb.	90	104	90	117
Total value..... \$'000	5,165	5,351	5,123	7,819
Beeswax—				
Production..... '000 lb.	437	520	454	623
Value..... \$'000	211	235	209	282
Total Value, Honey and Beeswax..... \$'000	5,376	5,586	5,337	8,101
Beekeepers..... No.	13,870	11,663	10,370	10,660
Bee colonies..... "	329,288	336,910	340,470	360,060

34.—Honey Production, by Province, 1961-63, with Average for 1956-60

Province	Av. 1956-60	1961	1962*	1963
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Prince Edward Island.....	68	67	29	64
Nova Scotia.....	164	249	148	213
New Brunswick.....	87	85	62	125
Quebec.....	3,062	2,971	3,140	4,125
Ontario.....	8,704	9,360	11,718	11,000
Manitoba.....	5,562	6,870	4,630	7,285
Saskatchewan.....	3,912	3,973	2,884	6,100
Alberta.....	6,286	9,580	6,867	11,600
British Columbia.....	1,672	2,075	1,255	1,630
Totals.....	29,517	35,030	30,713	42,142

Sugar Beets and Beet Sugar.—Sugar beets are grown commercially in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta and beet sugar factories are located in these provinces. In Quebec, commercial production is centred in the St. Hilaire area of the Eastern Townships; in Ontario, production is confined largely to the southwestern section of the province. Alberta produces the largest crop and in that province sugar beets are grown under irrigation.