

Wool.—Canada's apparent wool consumption showed a decided drop in 1966 compared with 1965. In the later year Canada produced only 8 p.c. of total requirements; imports at 61,917,000 lb. were down about 7 p.c. and exports at 3,021,000 lb. were down by almost 30 p.c. compared with the previous year. The domestic consumption shown in Table 33 is determined on the basis of production, exports and imports but does not take into consideration changes in stocks for which the data are not available. Differences in wool utilization from year to year are therefore probably less marked than is indicated by these figures.

33.—Production and Apparent Consumption of Wool, 1962-66

Item	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Shorn Wool Produced—					
Yield per fleece..... lb.	8.0	7.9	8.0	7.8	7.7
Total yield.....'000 lb.	5,808	5,259	5,065	4,653	4,178
Price per pound ¹ cts.	49.3	51.9	51.5	48.9	47.6
Total value.....\$'000	2,862	2,728	2,611	2,273	1,990
Pulled Wool Produced.....'000 lb.	1,361	1,553	1,281	1,162	867
Totals, Wool Production.....'000 lb.	7,169	6,812	6,346	5,815	5,045
Apparent wool consumption ²'000 lb.	57,505	61,956	64,977	66,801	63,941

¹ Includes Agricultural Stabilization Act payments of 18.26 cents per lb. in 1962, 14.3 cents per lb. in 1963, 12.3 cents per lb. in 1964, 16.3 cents per lb. in 1965 and 18.3 cents per lb. in 1966 on qualifying graded wool. ² See text above.

Honey.—As shown in Table 34, honey production was 10 p.c. lower in 1966 than in 1965, a drop accounted for by a decrease in the average yield per colony. Honey is produced commercially in all provinces except Newfoundland and yields tend to vary considerably from year to year. In 1966, Alberta was the largest producer, surpassing Ontario which had the highest production in 1964. Honey bees are kept in some of the fruit growing districts 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 1966, 8,571,213 lb. of honey valued at \$2,353,000 were exported from Canada, the main countries of destination being Britain, West Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg, Ireland, Japan and the United States.

34.—Honey and Beeswax Production 1964-66, with Average for 1959-63

Item	Av. 1959-63	1964	1965	1966
Honey—				
Total production.....'000 lb.	34,332	36,662	49,157	44,502
Average production per colony..... lb.	101	96	119	104
Total value.....\$'000	5,826	6,655	8,767	8,151
Beeswax—				
Production.....'000 lb.	508	545	733	661
Value.....\$'000	231	252	340	311
Total Value, Honey and Beeswax.....\$'000	6,057	6,907	9,107	8,462
Beekeepers..... No.	11,888	10,760	10,350	10,000
Bee colonies..... "	339,096	382,240	413,030	429,860