

10.4 lb. (4.7 kg) of frozen vegetables in 1974 (fresh equivalent weight). There were 540.2 lb. (245.0 kg) of fruits and vegetables, including potatoes, tomatoes and mushrooms, available per capita for consumption in Canada in 1974.

Honey. As shown in Table 11.16, honey production in 1975 was above that of 1974. Honey is produced commercially in all provinces except Newfoundland and yields vary to some extent from year to year. Alberta is consistently the largest producer, accounting for almost 30% of the total output in 1975. Honey bees are used in some fruit-growing districts for pollination and are also used for pollination of certain seed crops. To facilitate storage, shipment and uniformity of quality, large quantities of Canadian honey are pasteurized. Beekeepers' marketing cooperatives are active in several provinces. In 1975 Canada exported 10.4 million lb. (4.7 million kg) of honey valued at \$4.8 million, 3.5 million lb. (1.6 million kg) more than the quantity exported in 1974. Exports went mainly to the United Kingdom, the United States, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan and the Netherlands.

Sugar beets and beet sugar. Sugar beets are grown commercially in Quebec, 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; Alberta, where sugar beets are grown under irrigation, produces the largest crop. Harvested area, yield and total production of sugar beets for the years 1971-75 are shown in Table 11.17, together with available quantity and value of shipments of beet sugar.

Maple sugar and maple syrup. Maple syrup is produced commercially in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The bulk of the crop comes from the Eastern Townships of Quebec, a district famous in both Canada and the United States as the centre of the maple products industry. Virtually all of the maple products exported go to the United States with the larger proportion moving as syrup, although substantial quantities of sugar are also shipped. Much of the syrup sold in Canada has been marketed in 1-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. Production and value of maple sugar and maple syrup, by province, are shown in Table 11.18.

Greenhouse operations. The total area operated under glass and plastic in 1973 and 1974 amounted to 35.3 million sq ft (3.28 million m²) and 36.1 million sq ft (3.35 million m²), respectively, while the total value of growers' sales stood at \$85.2 million in 1973 and \$103.8 million in 1974.

Nursery industry. In 1974 the nursery trades industry had a total revenue of \$88 million. Approximately 39% of this represented grower sales of traditional nursery stock and 35% was earned by supplying the demand for contracted services.

Eggs. Table 11.19 shows production and value of farm eggs by province. Egg production totalled 448.1 million dozen in 1975, compared to 459.5 million dozen in 1974. The rate of lay per 100 layers rose to 22,343 from 21,811 in 1974 and the farm selling price of eggs averaged 61.3 cents a dozen compared with 61.8 cents a dozen in 1974. The Atlantic provinces produced 8.0% of all eggs in 1975, Quebec 15.2%, Ontario 39.5%, the Prairie provinces 25.3% and British Columbia 12.0%.

Wool. Estimates of production of shorn wool in 1975 at 3.1 million lb. (1.4 million kg) were 4.0% lower than in 1974. Average farm price per lb. was 27.5 cents (60.6 cents a kg) in 1975 as compared to 34.2 cents a lb. (75.4 cents a kg) in 1974.

Tobacco. The total area planted in 1975 as compared to 1974 increased in Quebec and in the Maritime provinces and declined in Ontario, although yields were lower in Quebec, Ontario and the Maritime provinces. Total production decreased from 256.8 million lb. (116.5 million kg) in 1974 to 233.8 million lb. (106.0 million kg) in 1975. The average value per lb. advanced from 89.8 cents (\$1.98 a kg) in 1974 to 93.5 cents (\$2.06 a kg) in 1975 (Tables 11.20 and 11.21).