

under irrigation with yields averaging above those received in the other provinces. In 1950, the three Alberta factories, located in the south of the Province at Raymond, Picture Butte and Taber, handled 349,000 tons of beets from a harvested area of over 32,000 acres.

**35.—Acreages, Yields and Values of Sugar Beets, and Quantities and Values of Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced, 1947-51, with Average for 1942-46**

Year	Sugar Beets					Refined Beetroot Sugar Produced		
	Harvested Area	Yield per Acre	Total Yield	Average Price per Ton	Total Value	Quantity	Value	Price per lb.
	acres	tons	tons	\$	\$	lb.	\$	cts.
Av. 1942-46..	59,000	10.54	622,000	10.64	6,616,000	170,654,000	11,316,000	6.6
1947.....	59,000	10.30	606,000	14.34	8,686,000	156,263,000	13,209,000	8.5
1948.....	60,000	10.48	629,000	14.62	9,202,000	175,641,000	15,664,000	8.9
1949.....	84,000	10.20	859,000	13.68	11,750,000	224,854,000	20,232,000	9.0
1950.....	102,000	11.10	1,128,000	16.28	18,367,000	300,185,000	30,845,000	10.3
1951.....	93,000	10.37	965,000	14.96	14,443,000	247,753,000	26,446,000	10.7

**Apiculture.**—Honey is produced commercially in all provinces of Canada, Ontario being the largest producer. There is a considerable movement of honey, particularly from the Prairie Provinces, to other parts of Canada and to other countries, although the export trade in this commodity has been sharply reduced in recent years owing to strong competition and to import restrictions imposed by many countries.

The 1951 crop was the largest since 1948, despite a reduction in the number of bee colonies. In 1952 production was lower owing to a further reduction in colony numbers and a return to a normal yield after the extremely high production per colony experienced in 1951.

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.

As a matter of interest it is noted that bees are kept in some of the fruit-growing and greenhouse districts of the country chiefly for purposes of pollination.

**36.—Beekeepers and Bee Colonies, Production and Values of Honey and Beeswax, 1948-52, with Average for 1943-47**

Year	Bee-keepers	Bee Colonies	Honey				Beeswax		Value of Honey and Wax
			Average Production per Hive	Total Production	Average Price per lb. to Producers	Total Value	Production	Value	
Av.	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	cts.	\$	lb.	\$	\$
1943-47	40,100	522,200	65	33,808,000	18.0	6,075,000	475,000	222,000	6,297,000
1948....	32,100	569,800	79	45,145,000	21.0	9,336,000	666,000	295,000	9,631,000
1949....	25,900	473,400	66	31,481,000	13.0	4,200,000	466,000	186,000	4,386,000
1950....	22,200	430,000	66	28,351,000	15.0	4,282,000	425,000	166,000	4,448,000
1951....	18,900	406,300	101	40,909,000	16.0	6,445,000	590,000	294,000	6,739,000
1952....	15,950	388,000	81	31,470,000	15.0	4,718,000	467,000	218,000	4,936,000