

INDUSTRY SUMMARY · 2026

Beekeeping in Manitoba

2025 INDUSTRY FIGURES

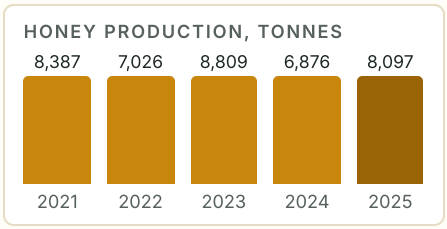
1,015
beekeepers, 6.2% of Canada

119,000
colonies, 13.9% of Canada

8,100 t
honey produced, 21.2% of Canada

$40.9M
honey production value, 17.0% of Canada

Big honey crops



Manitoba colonies produce among the highest honey crops per colony in Canada. The province has 14% of Canada's colonies but produces 21% of its honey. The crop averaged about 7,800 t a year from 2021 to 2025.

The crop varies from year to year: from 6,900 t in 2024 to 8,800 t in 2023.

Production value worked out to about $2.29 a pound in 2025.

Honey production averages about 68 kg per colony in Manitoba, compared with 45 kg nationally.

Manitoba honey varieties

Canola
The main summer flow: white, mild honey that granulates quickly and is mostly sold creamed.

Clover and alfalfa
Light, smooth honey from pasture and hay land.

Sunflower
Bright golden honey from late-summer sunflower fields.

Buckwheat
Dark, strong-flavoured honey from late-summer buckwheat.

Commercial beekeeping

About 215 Manitoba operations run 50 or more colonies.

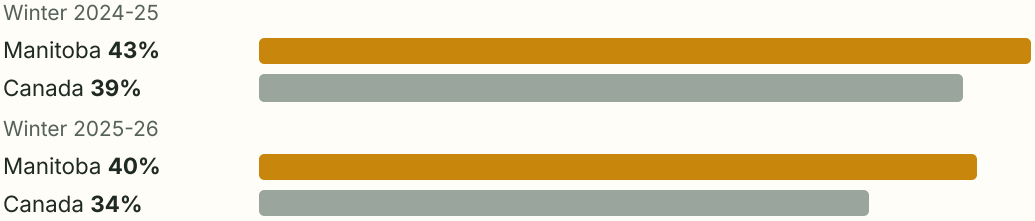
Canada's honey exporter

More than half of Canada's honey exports leave from Manitoba. In 2025 the province shipped 5,206 t worth $28.8 million: 54% of Canada's export volume.

Wintering indoors

Manitoba beekeepers winter about half their colonies indoors, in climate-controlled buildings: 49% of surveyed colonies in 2024-25, the third-highest share in Canada after Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Hive losses




Hives in a sunflower field


Checking a frame


A bee yard beside canola


Working a yard with the loader

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