INDUSTRY SUMMARY · 2026

Beekeeping in Saskatchewan



2025 INDUSTRY FIGURES

1,115
beekeepers, 6.8% of Canada

92,000
colonies, 10.8% of Canada

6,760 t
honey produced, 17.7% of Canada

$34.0M
honey production value, 14.1% of Canada

Canola country

Saskatchewan grows more than half of Canada's canola, and canola is the province's main honey crop.

Farmers seeded 12.0 million acres of canola in 2025 and a record 13.4 million acres in 2026, up 9.8% (2026 figure preliminary; final estimate due December 2026). Beekeepers set their yards beside canola for the main summer honey flow.

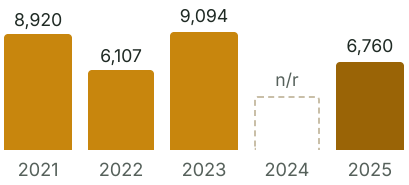
Saskatchewan honey

Canola
White honey that granulates quickly and is usually sold creamed.

Sweet clover
Light, mild honey from roadsides, pasture and hay land.

Alfalfa
Light honey from hay and seed fields.

HONEY PRODUCTION, TONNES



2024 not shown: the published 2024 figures repeat 2023 exactly.

Saskatchewan produced 6,760 t of honey in 2025, 18% of Canada's crop, the third-largest provincial crop after Alberta and Manitoba.

The crop varies from year to year: from 6,100 t in 2022 to 9,100 t in 2023.

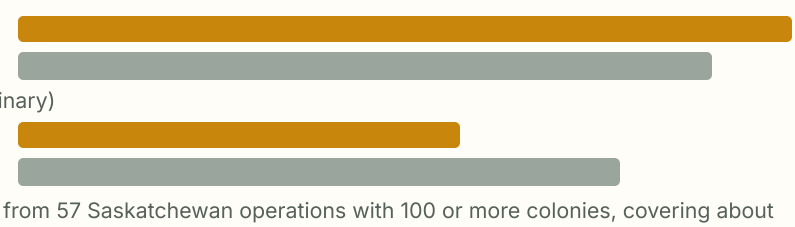
Production value worked out to about $2.28 a pound in 2025.

Honey production averages about 73 kg per colony in Saskatchewan, compared with 45 kg nationally.

Wintering

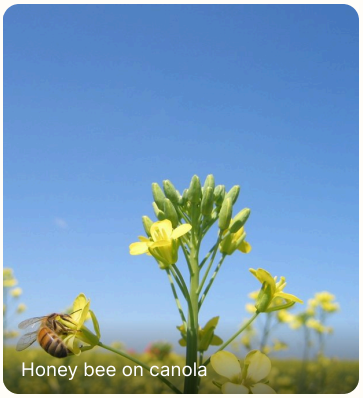
Most Saskatchewan colonies spend the winter outdoors. Of the colonies covered by the 2025 national winter-loss survey, 82% were wintered outdoors and 18% indoors in climate-controlled buildings.

Hive losses



The 2026 survey heard from 57 Saskatchewan operations with 100 or more colonies, covering about 41% of the province's colonies.


Hive loads at sunrise, ready to move


Honey bee on canola


Spring flight at a wintered hive

Sources: AAFC, Statistical overview of the Canadian honey and bee industry, 2025 (industry figures, production 2021-2025) · Statistics Canada, Principal field crop areas, June 2025 and June 2026 (canola area) · CAPA, Statement on honey bee wintering losses in Canada, 2025 (final), and preliminary report on winter losses 2026 (hive losses, wintering method). Honey per colony and price per pound are calculated from AAFC tables. Photos: Honeyview Farm archive.
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