

INDUSTRY SUMMARY · 2026

Beekeeping on Prince Edward Island

2025 INDUSTRY FIGURES

40
beekeepers, 0.2% of Canada

4,028
colonies, 0.5% of Canada

55 t
honey produced, 0.1% of Canada

$352,000
honey production value

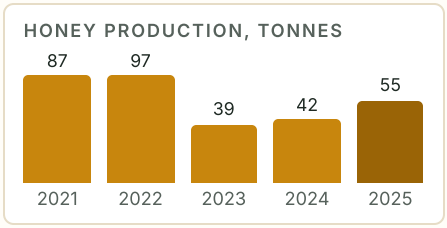
Wild blueberries need bees

Pollinating the island's wild blueberries is the main job for PEI's colonies. Bees work the fields from the last week in May to the end of June.

PEI had 12,401 cultivated acres of wild (lowbush) blueberry in 2025, 6,220 of them in bloom that year; fields crop every second year.

Island colonies can't cover the crop alone. PEI imported nearly 3,500 colonies for blueberry pollination in 2025, and could approach 5,000 in 2026, depending on winter losses.

A small honey crop



PEI produced about 55 t of honey in 2025. The crop has ranged from 39 t (2023) to 97 t (2022) over the last five years.

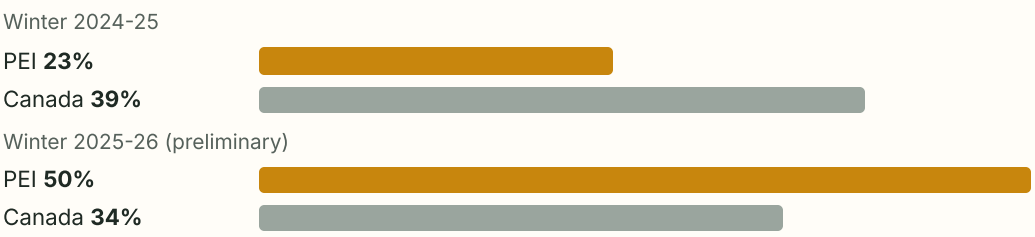
Production value worked out to about $2.89 a pound in 2025.

Honey production averages about 14 kg per colony on PEI, compared with 45 kg nationally.

Wintering outdoors

PEI beekeepers winter their colonies outdoors. All 3,985 colonies in the 2024-25 winter-loss survey were wintered outside.

Hive losses





Beekeepers at work on PEI

BLUEBERRY POLLINATION

12,401
acres of wild blueberry, 2025

~3,500
colonies imported for pollination, 2025

~5,000
colonies that could be imported, 2026

PEI BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

The association supports island beekeepers through mentorship, its two-day Introduction to Beekeeping course and advocacy.
peibeekeepers.ca

Sources: AAFC, Statistical overview of the Canadian honey and bee industry, 2025 (industry figures) · Statistics Canada Table 32-10-0364-01 (blueberry area) · Atlantic Tech Transfer Team for Apiculture, April 23, 2026 (imported colonies; 2026 figure is their estimate) · PEI Beekeepers Association (pollination season) · CAPA final report 2025 and preliminary report 2026 (hive losses, wintering). Honey per colony and price per pound are calculated from AAFC tables. Photos: PEI Beekeepers Association.

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