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MBA Chairperson's Fall Report



The 2021 season has been a trying time for all farmers in Manitoba and Western Canada. Extraordinary heat and dryness have dramatically compromised crops and pastures right across the prairies. Beekeepers rely on many of those same crops and pastures to provide our hives with nectar and pollen to produce a honey crop and to feed our colonies. The heat, dryness and smoke have dramatically decreased the honey crop for many beekeepers this summer and this summer's record-breaking heat potentially increased the risk of an early summer brood nest shut down.

In response to beekeeper concerns over the extraordinary heat, dryness and smoke right across Manitoba, the MBA asked Manitoba Agriculture to monitor the impacts that the extreme hot, dry and smoky conditions had on Manitoba Beekeeper hives. Preliminary results suggest that honey production in some regions in July suffered as much as 63% of normal honey production with all regions below 75%.

As we continued to monitor the impact of the drought situation with Manitoba Agriculture, we reached out to the Minister of Agriculture to discuss the potential of immediate action needed to help Manitoba beekeepers manage this year's potential impacts caused by the drought.

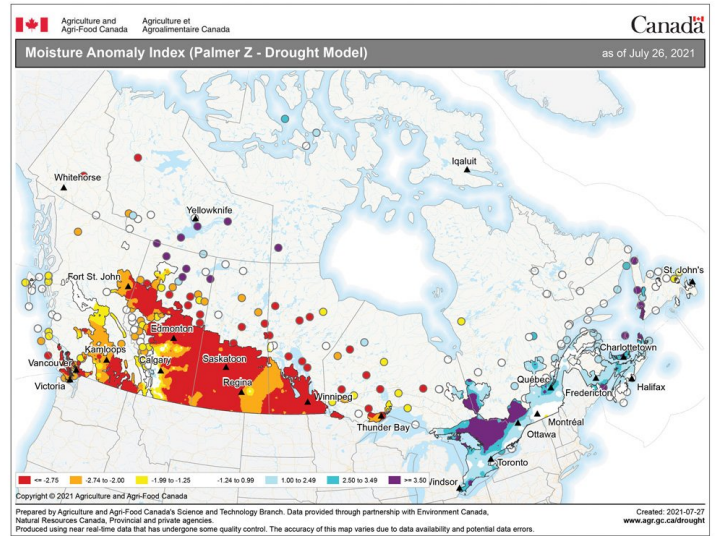
Since our request was made, significant rains followed throughout August which resulted in late summer nectar flows. Even though these late flows did not change earlier outcomes, these rains had provided enough nectar flow to avert the extraordinary feed measures those beekeepers had anticipated were needed to maintain strong healthy colonies throughout mid summer into the fall. It should be noted that the Central and Interlake areas were affected the most by the dryness and heat of the drought. These areas have been assessed to have a much smaller honey crop as compared to other areas of the province. It should also be noted that the sporadic nature of the rains throughout the province resulted in pockets of beekeepers who experienced the heat and dryness worse than others. Additional feeding in early August was done within these areas but it was not done consistently or on a large scale.

Following those August rains, MBA did not feel that the extent of early feeding was consistent or considerable enough to qualify for disaster assistance and therefore we withdrew our request for further actions taken to lead up to the development of a disaster assistance program under AgriRecovery.

After I spoke to many beekeepers from all regions throughout Manitoba this fall, I heard a common theme; "below average crop", "not sure where the honey came from", "excellent honey prices", "excellent fall colony conditions", "increased mite counts". After it is all said and done, I believe our assessments throughout the season which then led to our final decision to withdraw respectfully represented our industry's state of affairs accurately.

I'd like to acknowledge the extra work load this placed on the board, Daryl Wright and Rheal Lafreniere throughout this summer to help monitor the drought situation. This work continually assessed conditions throughout Manitoba as we collaborated with Alberta, Saskatchewan and the CHC to help measure out the appropriate actions throughout the season. Our work directly with the Minister of Agriculture provided us with the assurance that if we needed assistance, the process to access that assistance would have started immediately.

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With this year's drought under our belts, our concerns over the frequency of potential future natural disasters lingers fresh in our minds. This fall the MBA will meet with Manitoba Agriculture to assess our industry's Business Risk Management tools. This conversation will include:

- concerns about the effectiveness of AgriStability to help beekeepers stabilize their income during times of crisis.

-concerns over the increase of bear problems and the economic impact from bear damage that isn't currently covered under the Wildlife Damage Compensation program.

-continued support and increased investment into the Overwinter Bee Mortality program with a direct focus on lowering premium costs and decreasing the program deductible.

-the opportunity to implement a new Honey Production Insurance program which may mirror that in Saskatchewan.

-the vulnerability our industry has to large-scale honey bee pesticide poisoning (Grasshoppers, Bertha Army Worms, Diamond Back). Grasshopper spraying took its toll on many beekeepers this season which could have easily been avoided with better product choices that are easy on beneficial insects and pollinators.

If you have any comments, concerns or if you just want to reach out to the MBA, don't hesitate to contact me directly at: www.stepplerfarms@hotmail.com.



Canadian Honey Council Report

Fall 2021



Canadian Honey Council



Osee Podolsky

This season's honey crop is reported to be below average across the prairies, with the BC coast, Ontario and Quebec reporting good crops. Higher than normal varroa mites seem to be a Canada wide issue this year, with all provinces reporting seeing anywhere from slightly higher to significantly higher than recommended mite levels. There is still no clear indication as to why mite levels are showing such a significant spike this year. Honey prices continue to be on the rise with prices surpassing \$3.00/lb already.

Winnipeg Regional Report

The beginning of summer brought what everyone experienced extreme hot and dry conditions. On the flip side the honey producers built up nicely but you had to stay on top of them or swarming was going to be an issue. I have my bees on the outskirts of Winnipeg close to the floodway. With corn, soybean and wheat as a dominate crop this year near my apiaries, you all know does not produce a good honey crop! The floodway is always a saving grace for myself and many other urban beekeepers with plenty of Sweet Clover and many other types of wild flowers. Mid August brought in some much needed precipitation not a lot but we will take what we can get at that point. This gave us a late flow of Floodway alfalfa that's always a welcome site. But now it gets tricky with fall management around the corner, mite loads starting to rear their ugly heads and a late flow brewing up!! OH JOY!!!! All in all the honey production was pretty much on par with the Manitoba average, so I guess I can't complain.

Like every year at this time I have the bees all wrapped up, my nucs ready to be stored indoors, everything is fed, pesticides administered and they look super healthy and strong. I think man that was a quick summer!!! Life of a beekeeper!

Have a great winter
Dan Lecocq



Paul Gregory

KAP Fall Report



With the extreme weather experienced by all Manitobans this summer, KAP has had a busy, productive summer. After much hard lobbying by all the Western farm groups and Canadian Federation of Agriculture we were able to remove the Reference Margin Limit (RML) on AgriStability claims. This will certainly help beekeepers. With record high honey prices this season, AgriStability may not kick in this year but nice to know it is a better program. Farmers still need the original reference margin raised to 80% from 70% but most Western Provinces deem this too expensive – we will keep trying.

Wildlife damage claims have been expanded, AgriRecovery was lobbied for by livestock producers and KAP – this was financed by both levels of government resulting in at least \$62 million to help the devastated livestock sector, driver licensing, expansion of RTAC highways, improved cell service are also being lobbied for and worked on.

As a KAP representative for the MBA I know that there are far higher Provincial Safety officer inspections on all farms (safety inspections have tripled). All KAP members can be offered a free farm safety inspection that we ourselves have experienced and found it to be a worthwhile exercise. Under the current legislation even hiring a few summer students will put you under this umbrella legislation. As a risk management tool it is a very important to have all the risks acknowledged in a non-stressful, non-binding environment that the farm manager can be ready when safety officers do drop in.

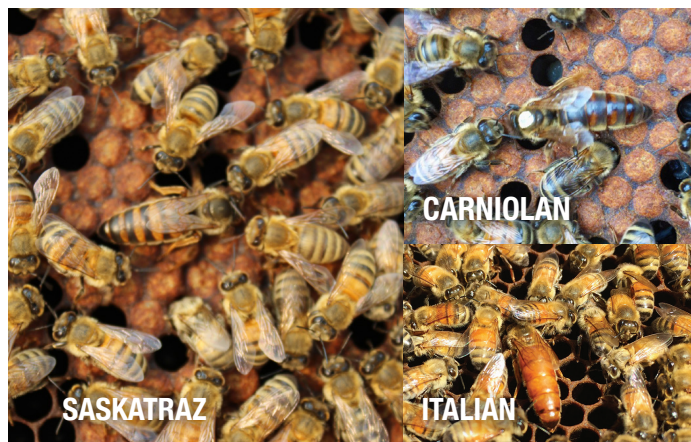
Any beekeepers have concerns that KAP can help with, please drop me an email: paul@ifsltd.ca

INTERLAKE REPORT

As with most regions the Interlake experienced an exceptional year. No significant rain for three months, very warm temperatures throughout the summer with much spraying for wireworms, flea beetles and grasshoppers. Honey crops ranged from somewhat below normal to very poor depending on what rain fell where. Currently soil moisture is being replenished and the fall flow did come in some areas - many fields of canola were still blooming in October which will be problematic with the winter feed. Time will tell...

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Pesticide Exposure Antidote

BY [BRIAN OWENS](#)

Bee Culture

Feeding bees an antidote packaged inside pollen-like particles can rescue them from pesticide poisoning, according to research by scientists in the US.

The pesticides sprayed on crops to control harmful insects are high on the list of the many challenges facing pollinators like honeybees and bumblebees. One particular group of insecticides, the **organophosphates**, are a major threat – they account for more than a third of insecticide sales worldwide and are highly toxic to bees.

'We wanted to develop a strategy to detoxify managed pollinators and found we can do it by incorporating it into their food,' says **Minglin Ma**, a biomaterials engineer at Cornell University, US, who led the study.

Phosphotriesterases are enzymes that can break down organophosphates and render them harmless. But they don't work well in the acidic digestive tract of bees. Ma's team developed a way to package the enzyme inside particles that mimic pollen in their size and shape, and can survive in the bee's gut to counteract the insecticide.

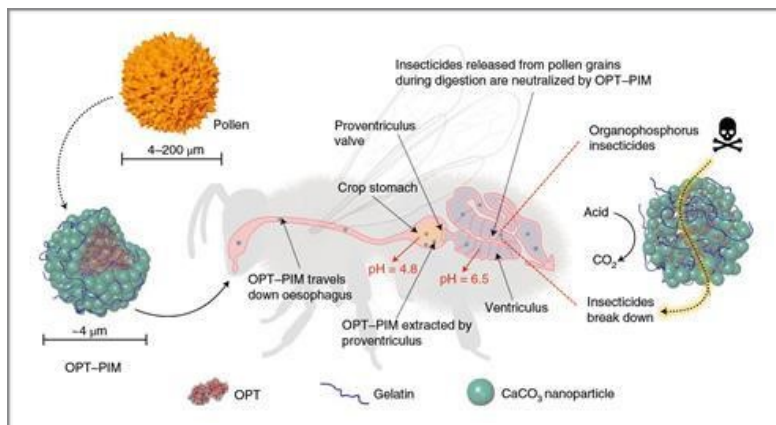
The 8mm-diameter particles are made of **calcium carbonate** – chalk – and a gelatin additive, which helps control their size. Calcium carbonate is both easy for the bees to consume, and easy and inexpensive to produce in large quantities. The salt's acid-scavenging capability protects the enzyme against acidic conditions. When pesticides are released from ingested pollen, they pass through the microparticles' pores and are removed by the phosphotriesterase within.

The team fed microcolonies of 50 bumblebees pollen contaminated with the organophosphate insecticide **malathion**. Bumblebees that were fed the phosphotriesterase alone, or a sugar syrup control, all died after a few days. But the bees that were given the microparticle-packaged antidote survived.

Ma says it should be easy to roll out the antidote-infused microparticles to quickly protect or rescue managed colonies of honeybees. 'It can be mixed with whatever you feed the bees, a pollen patty or liquid syrup, and used as a dietary supplement,' he says. He and his colleagues have already launched a company, **Beemunity**, to commercialise the product.

But Dave Goulson, an insect ecologist at the University of Sussex, UK, wonders how this strategy could be expanded beyond managed hives to the wild bees that often play a much more important role in pollination. 'I'm somewhat dubious as to how wild pollinators could be induced to consume these particles,' he says. And he is concerned that the availability of an antidote might be seen as an excuse to be more liberal with malathion and other chemicals that are highly toxic to all life, including humans.

Ma says they have not yet figured out a way to apply the antidote in a way that will help wild pollinators. The team is looking into whether they could take advantage of some kind of flavour or other feed preference that would attract wild bees – while not also attracting and treating the harmful insects that the pesticides are targeting. 'If we could do that it would be hugely impactful,' says Ma.



[Pollen-mimicking antidote saves bees after pesticide exposure | Research | Chemistry World](#)

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Red River Apiarist Association

Fall Report



RRAA Fall Report

One would think that there was a switch somewhere that just got flipped...suddenly there is rain and lots of it. Certainly, it will help nourish the trees and shrubs for next year and give much needed moisture in the soil for Spring's planting. We certainly cannot complain about the length of the nice weather this Fall, for finishing up all the tasks that are needed to prepare hives for Winter.

Our Red River Apiarists' Association (RRAA) meetings have begun again, continuing to use ZOOM. We meet the second Tuesday of each month, September through November and January through May, inclusive. Want to take part? Become a member of the RRAA and you will receive the link via email each of the months that we "meet". Membership is only \$35.00 / year and the first year is free for those who completed the U of M course. Here is where you can go to join us. <https://rraa.ca/membership>.

Brad Hogg gave a very good presentation on his journey with beekeeping at the October meeting, tracing his progress from nothing to his present operation and company. His following on from his wife's taking the U of M course and following her instructions to begin is quite fascinating. I am certain that new beekeepers benefitted from Brad's mistakes, about which he spoke quite freely. This was followed by a Q & A time. There were lots of great questions asked, especially by our newer beekeepers. As usual, once a question is asked of any group of beekeepers, there are several different answers, which can be either confusing, or informative. There is seldom one definitive answer to any way of handling tasks or problems in beekeeping!

If you missed these first two meetings in September and October, they were recorded and will be found on the RRAA website. The November meeting will again be held virtually, with Medhat Nasr as the speaker. He is a retired Provincial Apiarist from Alberta, who has done many years of research. This will prove to be an interesting session, winding up our 2021 meetings.

While most of us are rather tired of having to meet virtually, it has allowed our members to stay connected and the teaching and learning to continue. It will be at least January before we will begin to meet in person. Membership will be notified if and when this will happen.

January will bring elections. Membership is encouraged to participate in the group, becoming part of the Executive and helping out on committees. VP, Tim Kennedy will be meeting with his committee, very soon, to set up speakers and programming for 2022.

That's it for now! RRAA wishes each beekeeper in the province the best wintering until we "talk again".

Margaret Smith

RRAA / MBA Liaison



Brad Hogg standing with one of his towering honey producers!

Medhat Nasr





Beekeeping in Manitoba - 2021 Annual Report

Rhéal Lafrenière, Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development

The number of active, registered beekeepers in Manitoba as of October 8, 2021 is 930, which is slightly up from last year. Although there has been a steady increase in the number of beekeepers over the last 10 years, the growth rate appears to have slowed down significantly over the last three years (Fig 1). We are therefore seeing that the expansion of the beekeeping industry in Manitoba is starting to plateau. This is also being reported to be the case in most of the Canadian provinces.

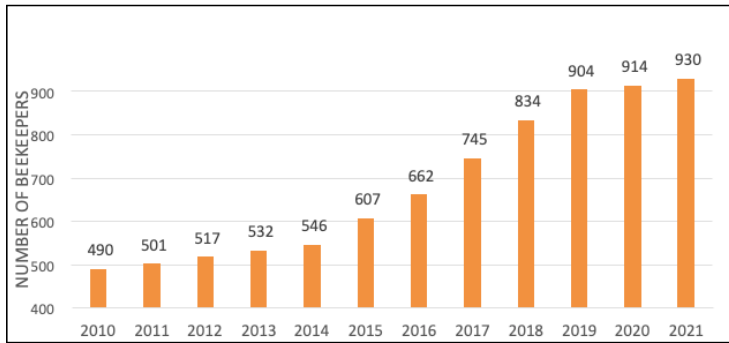


Figure 1. Number of Active Beekeepers in Manitoba (2010 – 2021)

The number of colonies in Manitoba is slightly lower than last year at 115,707. Similar to the number of beekeepers, the growth rate of Manitoba’s beekeeping industry appears to have slowed down and is already showing signs of reaching its plateau (Fig 2). The reason behind the decrease in colony numbers from this year to last year is more directly related to a large commercial beekeeping operation relocating the business to another province to focus on pollination.

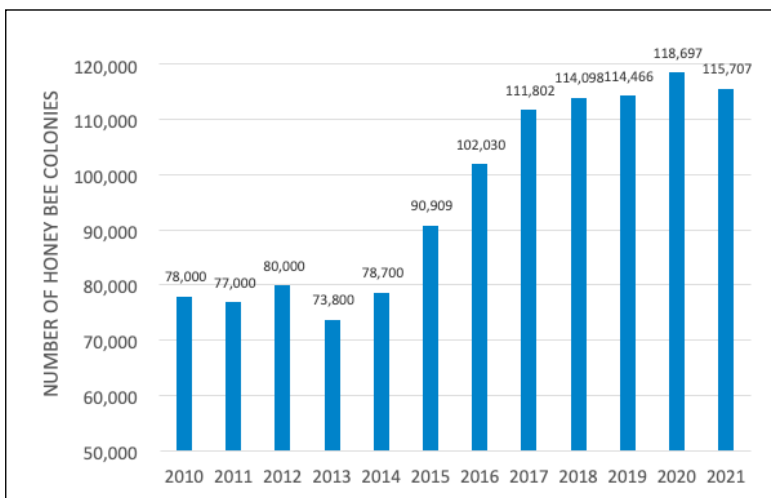


Figure 2. Number of Honey Bee Colonies in Manitoba (2010 – 2021)

Winter Mortality Statistics:

As reported in the summer issue of the Manitoba Beekeeper, the percent colony mortality in Manitoba this past winter was 15.4%. Given that the typical range for wintering loss is between 15 to 25 percent, this year’s wintering losses would be considered on the low side of typical losses. Figure 4 outlines the losses from 2010 – 2021 with a moving average trendline that shows that the 10 year average loss value has stabilized around 20%. It is also important to note that only in 2011 and 2013 was the average loss value higher than the typical wintering loss range of 15 to 25 percent, suggesting that losses in Manitoba since 2013 have been relatively stable for most beekeepers. (Fig 3).

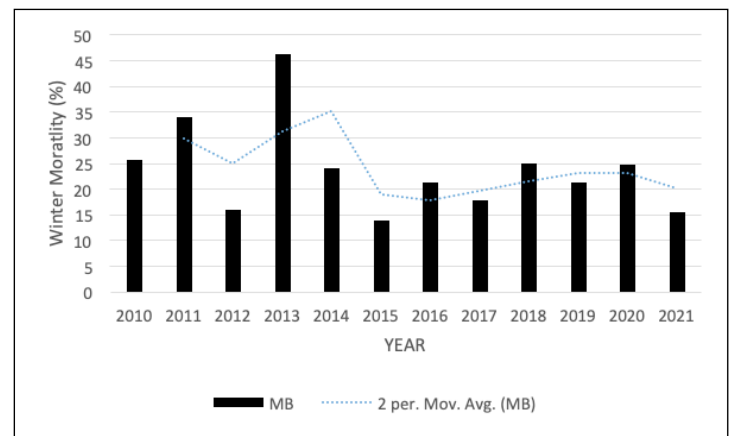


Figure 3. Percentage of Honey Bee Colony Mortality in Manitoba (2010 – 2021)

In comparison to the national average, Manitoba’s winter mortality has typically been lower than the estimated Canadian average. In the first five years of the 2010 decade, Manitoba’s average was similar or above the national average, but for the last five years, Manitoba’s average has generally been below the Canadian average (Fig 4).

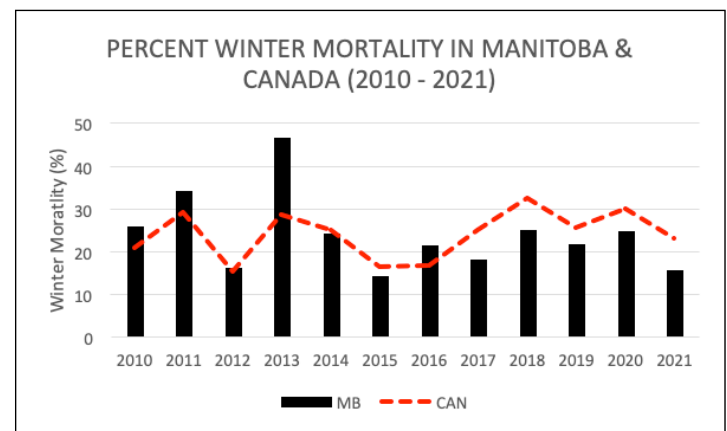


Figure 4. Percentage of Wintering Mortality in Manitoba & Canada (2010 – 2021)

Honey Bee Inspection Program Statistics:

The honey bee inspection program in Manitoba was again contracted out to a 3rd party Inspection Service Contractor. 2021 was the first year of the two-year contract with DLJ Consulting. The target for this season's inspection program was to inspect approximately 5450 colonies and the program exceeded the target with over 5500 colonies inspected. One (1) cases of AFB and two (2) cases of EFB were confirmed through the Inspection program and Veterinary Diagnostics Services Lab this season. There were additional cases of AFB and EFB reported through producer submitted samples to the lab, which will be followed up by the inspection program next season to determine if the incidence is detectable at the level of inspection offered by the inspection service provider. Figure 5 is a summary of the inspection results since 2010, which indicates that the ratio of inspected colonies is now close to achieving the goal of inspecting approximately 5% of the colonies in the province annually. A detailed analysis of the inspection program results including inter-provincial movement statistics will be presented in the next issue of the *Manitoba Beekeeper*.

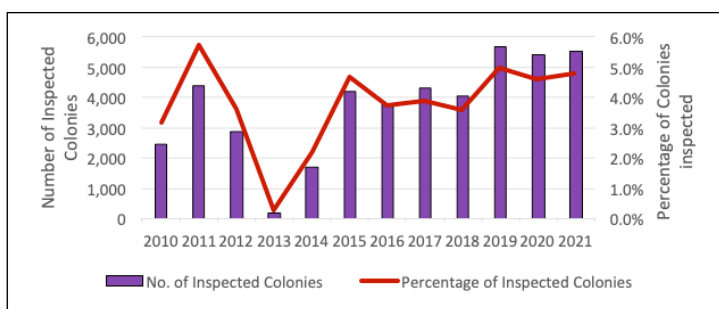


Figure 5. Number of Colonies Inspected and the Percentage of Inspected Colonies in Relation to the Total Number of Colonies in Manitoba (2010 – 2021)

Region	Number of Beekeeper Responses	Number of Colonies Represented	Average Yield (lbs/colony)	Average Yield (kg/colony)
Central (includes Wpg)	48	19,877	162.7	73.9
Eastern	47	7,455	162.6	73.9
Interlake	19	2,895	125.1	56.8
Northwest	18	21,484	168.2	76.5
Southwest	19	10,528	150.6	68.5
All Regions	151	62,239	160.8	73.1

Table 1. Summary of the 2021 Honey Production Survey – as of October 8, 2021

Honey Production Statistics:

Given the extremely dry conditions throughout the province the amount of honey produced in Manitoba this season appears to be only slightly below average. Based on preliminary data from the *2021 Honey Bee and Honey Production Survey*, the provincial average honey production per colony is estimated to be 161 lbs (i.e. 73 kg/colony). The average long term honey yield in Manitoba is estimated to be 170 lbs/colony. This year's production survey was done primarily through an online eForm. Participation in the survey was very good with over a 150 beekeepers contributing to the survey results. Colony number representation in the dataset was also very good with over 62,000 colonies reflected in that data. In the future, we expect to continue to encourage producers to complete the survey electronically and produce some of the statistics in real-time.

Table 1 is a breakdown of the preliminary honey production estimates based on region, which included the number of operations and colony numbers represented in the regional dataset. Figure 6 is a graphic representation of estimated annual provincial honey production since 2010. Annual honey production is calculated based on the estimated provincial honey yield per colony multiplied by the estimated number of colonies in the province. In 2021, the amount of honey produced in Manitoba is estimated to be 18.6 million lbs (i.e. 8.46 million kg).

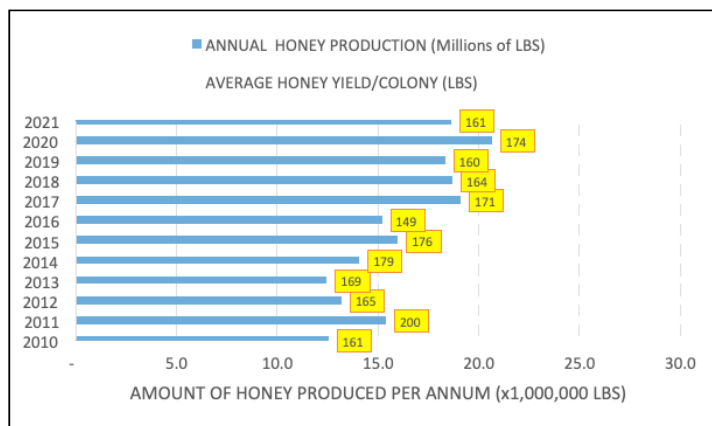


Figure 6. Annual Honey Production and Colony Yield in Manitoba (2010 – 2021)

Overall, the beekeeping industry in Manitoba continued to experience growth, both in the number of beekeepers and colonies. The province was able to produce over 18 million pounds of honey this year despite all the challenges associated with the drought and the Covid-19 pandemic. Not that anyone would want to repeat 2021, but in terms of coping as an industry, Manitoba beekeepers did what they needed to do and came out on top. That is something to be celebrated and certainly worthy of being proud of! It also demonstrates how resilient and resourceful Manitoba beekeepers can be in the face of adversity.



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Brandon Beekeepers' Fall Report



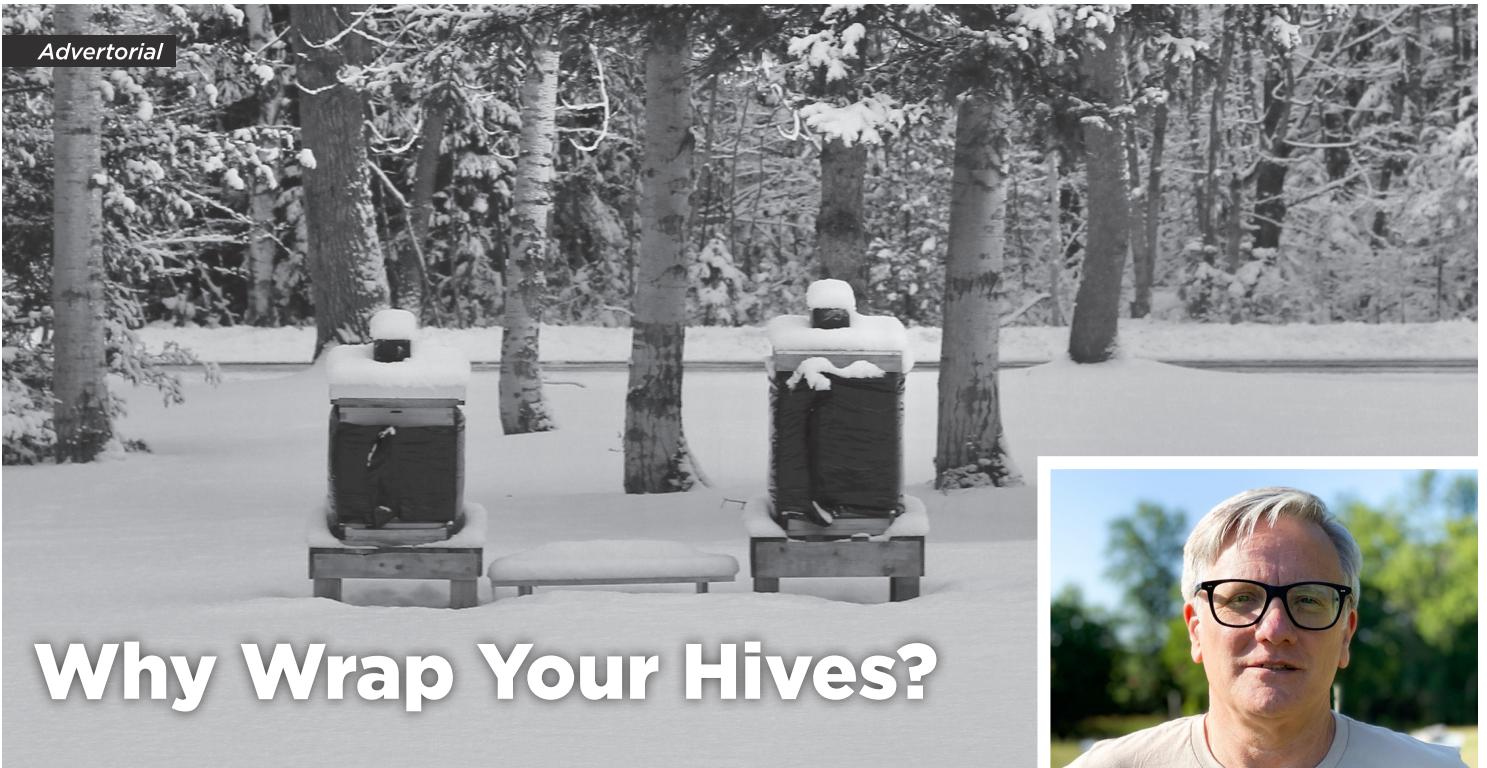
Due to all the COVID restrictions and the busy summer, the BABA has not had an in-person or ZOOM meeting since May. One way or another, we hope to resume meetings this November.

As the season winds down, it appears that the dry and hot weather here in the south/westman area did not hinder the honey flow. Many received a good to better-than-average honey crop. The bees flew almost every day as there was no rain to slow them down (except for some smokey days which did slow them down a bit). We also had a long and hot fall. Many beekeepers even reported seeing a September flow helping to fill up brood nests.

Overall, the honey crop seems to have been larger, drier, and darker here. The reason for the darker honey could have been that the canola was stressed from the heat and lack of moisture, but the bees went and found the nectar elsewhere which darkened the crop.

From a small survey collected, and talking with producers in the Brandon area, it seems the varroa levels were higher than most falls. I believe the higher varroa levels are due to the very early spring with the bees coming out of hibernation in mid-March, and getting a couple of extra brood cycles in.

With the honey prices at an all time high, the future looks great. Good luck getting your hives ready for winter and making plans for next year.



Why Wrap Your Hives?

Your honey bees work hard to prepare for winter. As beekeepers, we want to do everything we can to ensure they thrive over the season. Once temperatures begin to drop, properly protecting your hives can make all the difference in how your colonies overwinter.

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“Wrapped colonies start off stronger in the spring, producing up to two times the amount of honey.”

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For successful overwintering, colonies should be treated for Varroa mites with *Formic Pro™* or *Mite Away Quick Strips™* and provided with ample feed stores ahead of wrapping for winter. 🐝



Tom Nolan is the Founder and Past President of the *Urban Toronto Beekeepers Association* and lead Sales Representative for *NOD Apiary Products*. His personal mission: to ensure the sustainability of honey bee health. Tom shares his enthusiasm for honey bees by educating beekeepers on best management practices, Varroa control, swarm catching and by volunteering at an organic farm—all while running his successful beekeeping operation: *Hivetown Honey*.



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HONEY HOUSE PRICE



The Manitoba Beekeepers' Association
2021 Recommended Minimum Honey House Price

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CORRECTED COPY: See updated honey prices.

HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021 IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing states by packers, handlers & other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery & payment unless otherwise stated.

- REPORT INCLUDES BOTH NEW AND OLD CROP HONEY - (# Some in Small Lot --- +Some delayed payments or previous commitment)

ARKANSAS			
Soybean	Light Amber	\$1.68	
CALIFORNIA			
Buckwheat	Light Amber	\$2.00	
Orange	White	\$2.25	
Valley	Light Amber	\$2.00	
COLORADO			
Canola	White	\$2.27	
DAKOTAS			
Basswood	White/Light Amber	\$2.27	
Buckwheat	Extra Light Amber	\$2.27	
Canola	White	\$1.95	- \$2.32
Canola	Extra Light Amber	\$2.27	
Canola	Light Amber	\$2.27	- \$2.32
Clover	White	\$2.05	- \$2.27
Clover	Extra Light/Light	\$2.27	
Mixed Flower	Extra Light/Light	\$2.27	
Mixed Flower	Amber	\$2.27	
Sunflower	White/Extra Light	\$2.27	
Sunflower	Light Amber	\$2.27	
Spurge	Extra Light/Light	\$2.27	
FLORDIA			
Gallberry	Extra Light	\$2.30	
Gallberry	Light Amber	\$2.20	
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$2.20	
Tallow	Light Amber	\$2.20	
GEORGIA			
Mixed Flower	Light Amber/Amber	\$2.20	
IDAHO			
Mint	Amber	\$2.27	
MICHIGAN			
Basswood	White/Extra Light	\$2.27	
MINNESOTA			
Basswood	White/Extra Light	\$2.27	
Clover	Amber	\$2.27	
MISSISSIPPI			
Tallow	Light Amber / Amber	\$2.00	
MONTANA			
Alfalfa	Extra Light Amber	\$2.27	
Canola	White	\$2.27	
NEBRASKA			
Clover	Extra Light Amber	\$2.27	
NEW YORK			
Basswood	White	\$2.27	

Basswood	Extra Light Amber	\$2.27	- \$2.50
TEXAS			
Canola	White	\$2.05	
WASHINGTON			
Alfalfa	White	\$2.27	
WISCONSIN			
Basswood	White/Extra Light	\$2.27	

Prices paid to Canadian Beekeepers for unprocessed, bulk honey by packers and importers in U. S. currency, f.o.b. shipping point, containers included unless otherwise stated. Duty and crossing charges extra. Cents per pound.

Clover	White	No Sales
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Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound, ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.

ARGENTINA

Clover	White	\$1.88	
Clover	Extra Light	\$1.88	- \$1.92
Mixed Flowers	White	\$1.80	- \$1.89
Mixed Flowers	Extra Light	\$1.74	- \$1.90
Mixed Flowers	Light Amber	\$1.82	

BRAZIL

ORGANIC	Light Amber	\$1.75	- \$1.99
ORGANIC	Amber	\$1.75	
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.58	

INDIA

Mixed Flower	White	\$.98	- \$1.24
Mixed Flower	Extra Light	\$.93	- \$1.19
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$.74	- \$1.49
Mustard	White	\$1.05	
Mustard	Extra Light	\$1.19	

UKRAINE

Mixed Flower	White	\$1.70	
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URUGUAY

Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.77	
Mixed Flower	Amber	\$1.77	

VIETNAM

Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$.81	- \$1.33
Mixed Flower	Amber	\$.97	

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- Collect and package honey, beeswax
- Bee yard maintenance
- Manufacture, assemble & maintain hive equipment
- Operate & maintain other apiary related equipment
- Keep limited field and/or production records
- 1 year previous commercial beekeeping experience required

Start Date:

Feb 1/2022 - April 12/2022

End Date: November 1/2022

Wage: \$12.68 - \$15.00 upon experience

Positions Available: 15

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Duties:

- Supering hives
- Harvesting honey
- Cleaning honey extraction & storage equipment
- Honey extraction
- Barrel moving, preparation, filling & storage
- Manufacture, assemble, maintain hive equipment
- Bee yard maintenance
- No experience required.

Start Date:

Feb 1/2022- July 12/2022

End Date:

September 17/2022 - November 1/2022

Wage: \$12.00 - \$15.00 upon experience

Positions Available: 15

APIARY TECHNICIAN

Duties:

- Handle, feed, and care for honey colonies
- Co-ordinate in the production of nucs, queens, or replacement hives
- Recognize and report hive health issues & apply appropriate cures/controls
- Move hives
- Drive and maintain vehicles
- Collect and package honey, beeswax
- Bee yard maintenance
- Manufacture, assemble & maintain hive equipment
- Operate & maintain other apiary related equipment
- Keep field and/or production records
- Interact with external farm personnel
- 2 year previous commercial beekeeping experience required.
- May require travel to Kelowna, BC area
- May supervise employees, very limited

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THE POSITIONS: Seasonal full time, days, evenings, Saturdays as required; Medical Benefits; Language is English and Spanish; Must have own transportation; Must be able to handle heavy loads as work is physically demanding; Must work well with others and be able to learn continuously.

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Duties: include but not limited to, feed and care for honeybees, replacement of hives and production of nucs, moving hives, supering hives, detect and report hive health and apply correct disease cures and/or controls, keep field and/or production records, harvest honey, work on extracting line, cleaning extracting equipment and honey house, raise queens, assemble and maintenance of bee equipment, drive and maintain vehicles, other duties as assigned. Work is very physically demanding, with long days and heavy lifting.

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