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is in our **nature**



## Canadian Honey

*How Sweet it is!*



Did you know that Canada's honey yield is twice the world's average? That's not surprising considering that Canada's **wide open spaces**, **clean natural environment** and weather offer **perfect conditions** for nectar production. Long days of summer sunshine in Canada's northern climate provide access to bountiful flowering crops that attract a growing number of honeybees. The result? Beautiful golden honey loved by consumers in 27 countries worldwide.

### Versatile, natural and nutritious

The Canadian honey sector is as dynamic and industrious as the honey-bee itself. Close to 8,000 beekeepers maintain nearly 610,000 bee colonies across the country. Our packaged honey, which is filtered and can be pasteurized, doesn't need preservatives and has a shelf life of up to two years.



Besides our deliciously sweet honey, Canada's honey industry produces several other value-added by-products, including:

- **Beeswax** for candles and household products such as polishes;
- **Protein-rich pollen** used as a diet supplement;
- **Propolis**, an ingredient used in cosmetics and lip balms; and
- **Royal jelly** used in skin creams and lotions.

Canada's bees are credited with providing up to \$1 billion in increased agricultural production annually. Beekeepers rent their hives to horticultural producers each spring to ensure that widespread pollination takes place.

### Care and commitment

Canadians take great pride in their honey production standards. Indeed, the industry not only meets ISO (international) standards for honey production, it exceeds them. The **safety** and **quality** of Canadian honey is second to none. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, through the *Honey Regulation of the Canadian Agricultural Products Act*, ensures that producers and importers\* meet strict federal and international standards.





Most provinces have provincial apiculturists responsible for the registration of beekeepers, bee health, management practices and other beekeeping issues. **Superior quality. Prized taste. That's Canadian honey.**

### Taste the Canadian difference

The number of Canadian honeybee colonies continues to grow and it's no wonder. Our clean, pristine and vast land—coupled with a sector supported by top-notch food scientists and a government that contributes to a rigorous approach to food safety—provides a perfect environment.

For further information on Canada's honey industry, Canadian capabilities and exported products, please visit:

#### Government websites

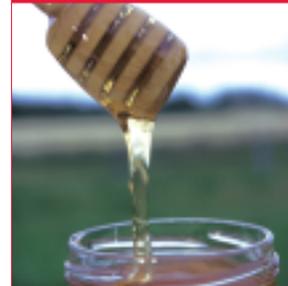
- Agri-Food Trade Service – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
[www.ats-sea.agr.gc.ca](http://www.ats-sea.agr.gc.ca)
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<http://lois.justice.gc.ca/en/C-0.4/C.R.C.-c.287/index.html>
- Statistics Canada free publication on honey Situation and Trends  
[www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/23-221-XIB/23-221-XIB2005000.pdf](http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/23-221-XIB/23-221-XIB2005000.pdf)

#### Industry website

- Canadian Honey Council  
[www.honeycouncil.ca](http://www.honeycouncil.ca)

\* The Canadian honeybee industry is almost totally self-sufficient, however, it imports some honeybees from Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

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### Trade Statistics

The following tables represent Canada's total trade in a given export commodity based on Statistics Canada data. The product categories represent HS code groupings and have not been modified. In most cases, statistics have been presented at the 6 or 8 digit level. Statistics are presented in Canadian dollars and are complete through year end 2010.

### Canada's Exports to All Countries (HS Code 0409)

Product (\$CAD)	2007	2008	2009	2010	Growth 2007-2010
Honey, natural	37,546,863	69,843,080	47,122,262	56,995,108	51.8%
Product (Quantity, KGM)	2007	2008	2009	2010	Growth 2007-2010
Honey, natural	16,128,463	22,341,035	11,929,150	14,932,115	-7.4%

### Canada's Monthly Exports to All Countries (HS Code 0409, Value \$CAD)

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010
Jan	3,130,452	3,728,394	2,425,917	2,721,925
Feb	3,372,439	7,601,194	5,982,043	4,507,918
Mar	4,002,510	9,282,155	6,865,879	7,498,792
Apr	3,939,837	8,979,682	3,881,087	3,801,843
May	3,106,930	6,020,126	4,722,259	4,668,483
Jun	3,066,337	6,486,884	4,301,044	4,675,806
Jul	3,160,310	5,325,062	3,270,811	6,073,232
Aug	1,855,530	4,373,496	3,019,945	3,639,929
Sep	2,025,851	2,797,693	2,309,115	3,459,217
Oct	3,069,871	4,345,691	3,727,762	5,493,218
Nov	3,519,198	6,508,432	3,207,901	5,214,338
Dec	3,297,598	4,394,271	3,408,499	5,240,407
TOTAL	37,546,863	69,843,080	47,122,262	56,995,108

**Canada's Exports to All Countries by Province  
(HS Code 0409, Value \$CAD)**

Province	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alberta	6,994,088	18,522,947	16,924,051	15,530,459
British Columbia	163,147	686,824	138,259	1,191,317
Manitoba	18,913,914	19,306,087	17,693,867	18,781,935
New Brunswick	0	0	0	65,665
Nova Scotia	2,392	48,922	3,629	358,397
Ontario	1,718,983	2,100,713	2,985,455	1,813,707
Prince Edward Island	4,348	0	15,000	24,895
Québec	5,241,849	9,099,275	4,411,251	7,906,512
Saskatchewan	4,508,142	20,078,312	4,950,750	11,322,221

**Canada's Top 10 Honey Markets  
(HS Code 0409, Value \$CAD)**

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	Growth 2007-2010
TOTAL	37,546,863	69,843,080	47,122,262	56,995,108	51.8%
United States	32,416,682	54,927,957	33,257,702	41,136,613	26.9%
Japan	975,265	5,127,445	6,714,312	9,848,183	909.8%
Germany	1,712,498	2,417,889	1,914,990	2,669,229	55.9%
China	56,312	96,517	1,530,989	917,367	1,529.1%
Switzerland	15,299	144,145	140,612	469,412	2,968.3%
United Kingdom	97,326	754,468	541,609	417,331	328.8%
France	200,187	255,889	341,638	267,623	33.7%
Australia	893,623	4,630,406	2,038,644	223,391	-75.0%
Hong Kong	20,774	105,265	84,702	215,348	936.6%
Austria	0	0	47	185,261	-