

Activities of the CHC 2020-2021



Canadian Honeybee Industry

- 746,612 colonies (lowest number since 2015)
- 11,785 registered beekeepers (up over 1000 from 2019)
- 82 million pounds honey produced (lowest production since 2013)
- Honey Value \$208 million (second highest ever)



Hive Health

Issues and actions

Important action items this past year

- Working on registration of Oxalic-glycerin application
- Transferred the registration of Fumagilan–B to Vita Bee Health and are in the process of doing the same with Formic 65 and Oxytet.



Hive Health

Other activities

- **Support for screening new potential varroacides.**
- **Administration on the Canadian Bee Research Fund and involvement in the distribution of funds to Canadian bee research projects.**

Food Safety

- **Examining the issues surrounding MRL's for glyphosate in honey with an emphasis on export markets**
- **Continue to push for comprehensive testing of all imported honey by the CFIA**
- **Supporting Dr. Leonard Foster work on mass spectrometry for honey testing**
- **Working on getting industry buy-in on standardized testing of domestic honey as well as developing a Canadian definition of honey**
- **Contributor to the Apimondia Statement on Honey Fraud**

Labour

- **Arranged charters for employers of Nicaraguan workers in the spring**
- **Over 300 Nicaraguans involved**
- **Involved in all discussions involving Temporary Foreign Workers and Covid 19 issues such as housing and quarantines.**



Labour

- **Developing a series of training videos with the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council for employees on such topics as biosecurity, seasonal management, worker health and safety and moving bees for pollination**



Other achievement and Covid Concerns

- Continued problems in bring packages in from New Zealand, Australia and Chile.
- Worked with CFIA to get Malta, Italy and the Ukraine approved for queen imports.





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- **Participated in a virtual trade show SIAL Montreal**
- **Continued to expand and improve information in the Export Catalogue, listing beekeepers and companies interest in international honey sales.**

