



# **What's Happening in Canada 2017-18**

**A CHC Report**



# **Atlantic Beekeepers Association**

## **CHC**

**-Represents Canadian Beekeepers Federally**

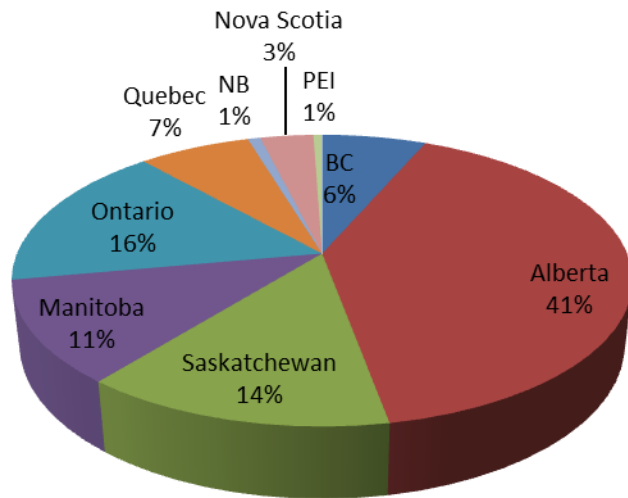
**-Comprised of 9 directors and an Executive Director**

## **Atlantic Canada**

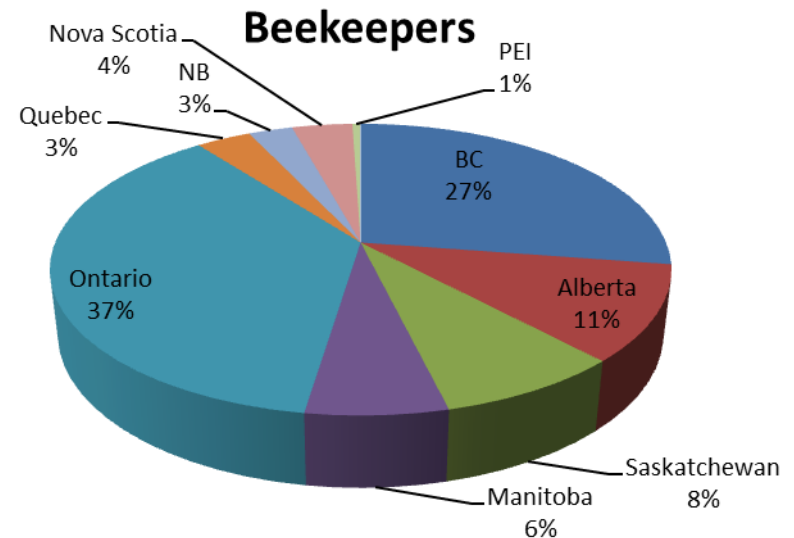
- NFLD**
- PEI**
- New Brunswick**
- Nova Scotia**



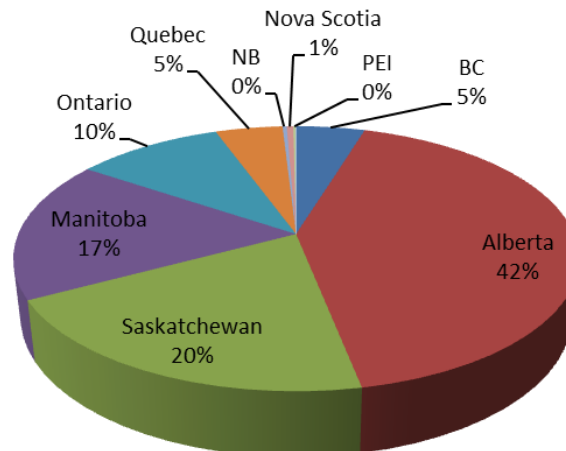
# Canadian Honeybee Industry 2016



**Hives by Province**



**Beekeepers**



**Honey Production**



# Canadian Honeybee Industry

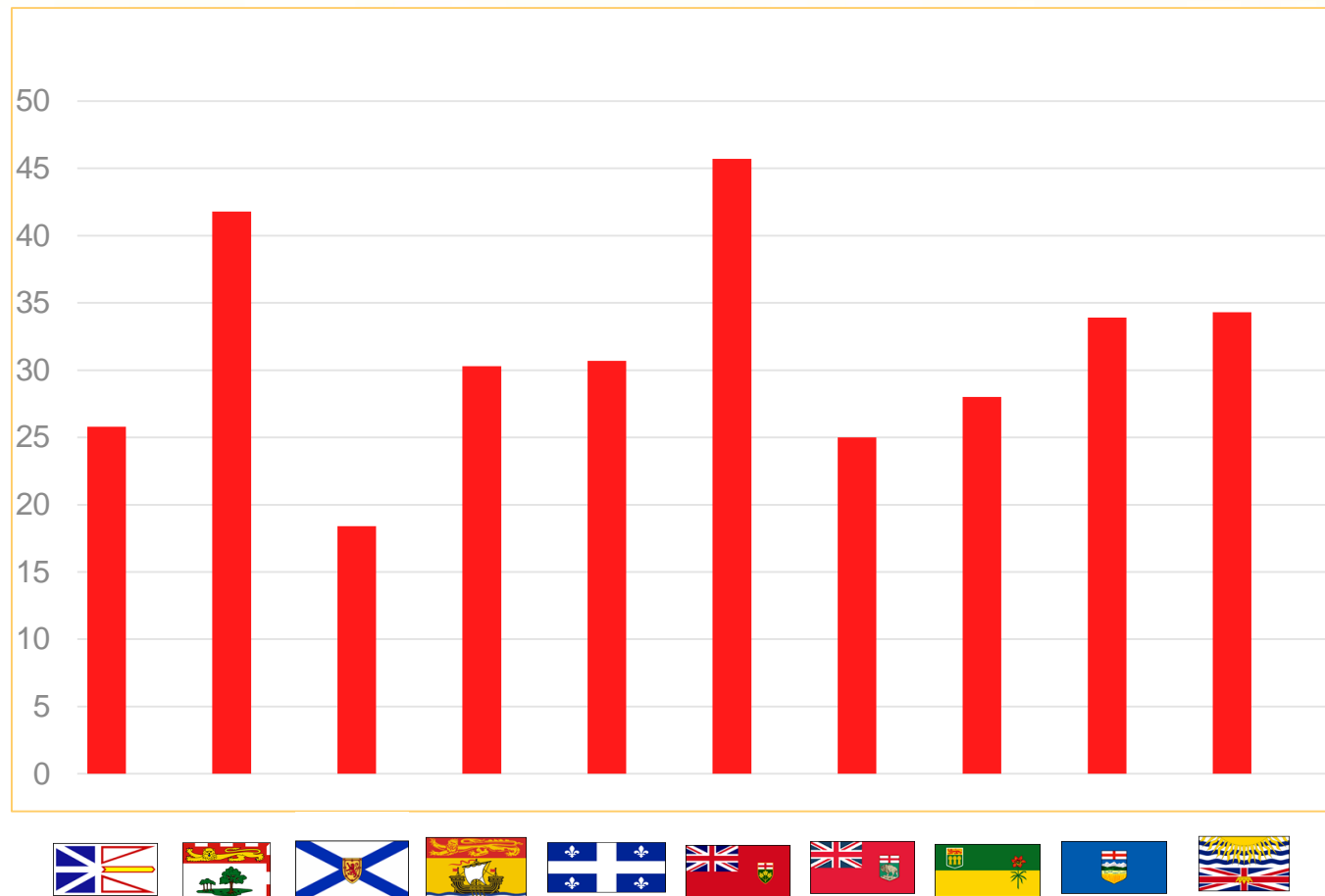
- Overwinter Bee Losses (Canada)\*
  - 2009: 33.9%
  - 2016: 16.8%
  - 2017: 25.1%
  - 2018: 32.6%

\*(Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists)

For 2018, the most frequently cited causes of loss in order from high to low were: weather, poor queens, weak colonies in the fall and starvation



## Provincial losses in 2018



# Recent work of the Bee Health Roundtable

## **Canadian Best Management Practices for Honey Bee Health**

- Content ranging from regulations for pest and disease treatment thresholds to management of colonies during pollination services

## **Planting Forage for Honey Bees in Canada**

- A guide for farmers, road and utility managers, and gardeners

## **Consolidated Reference of Practices to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Agricultural Pesticides (NEW)**

- A guide to enhance the cooperation between growers and beekeepers

## **Canadian Beekeepers' Practical Handbook to Bee Biosecurity and Food Safety**

- Provides information that is helpful for beekeepers who are interested in exporting their honey to international markets





# Industry Growth and issues

Labelling (front of package, nutritional and country of origin)

- CHC successful in avoiding honey to have front of package label on sugar content
- Partial success on identifying country of origin – in blended honey, label will list in accordance of most to least
- New nutritional will be available shortly after cooperating with large industry players



# Industry Growth and issues

## Antimicrobials access and delivery

- Not all provinces are the same
- Not all vets are qualified
- Urban and hobby beekeepers could be affected hardest
- Cost are undetermined
- Implementation December 1, 2018





# Industry Growth and issues

## Public trust/social license

- Does it pit small vs large operations?
- Whose voice counts?
- What does the public believe?
- Environmental or economic?
- How to engage the consumer?
- Huge growth in urban beekeeping



# Industry Growth and issues

## Food safety/ biosecurity (SHB)

- Biosecurity affects interprovincial transport which affect domestic stock security
- Safe Food for Canada Act and licencing all food production
- Development of a national surveillance program



# Industry Growth and issues

## Adulteration and transshipping

- Biggest international issue and impacts everyone
- NMR testing in Canada
- CFIA co-operation and the need for import and export testing and certification



# Industry Growth and issues

## Labour

- Biggest issue facing commercial operations
- Introduction of biometric testing of TFW's this year



# Industry Growth and issues

## Creation of a Marketing Site across Canada for Stock Replacement

- Canadian producers will be able to post what they have for sale (queens, Nucs)

List of individual producers by province

- Reasoning
  - 11 million is spent annually on importing Queens and nucs
  - Increase in those wishing to produce Queens and Nucs
  - Easier to find Canadian Northern stock



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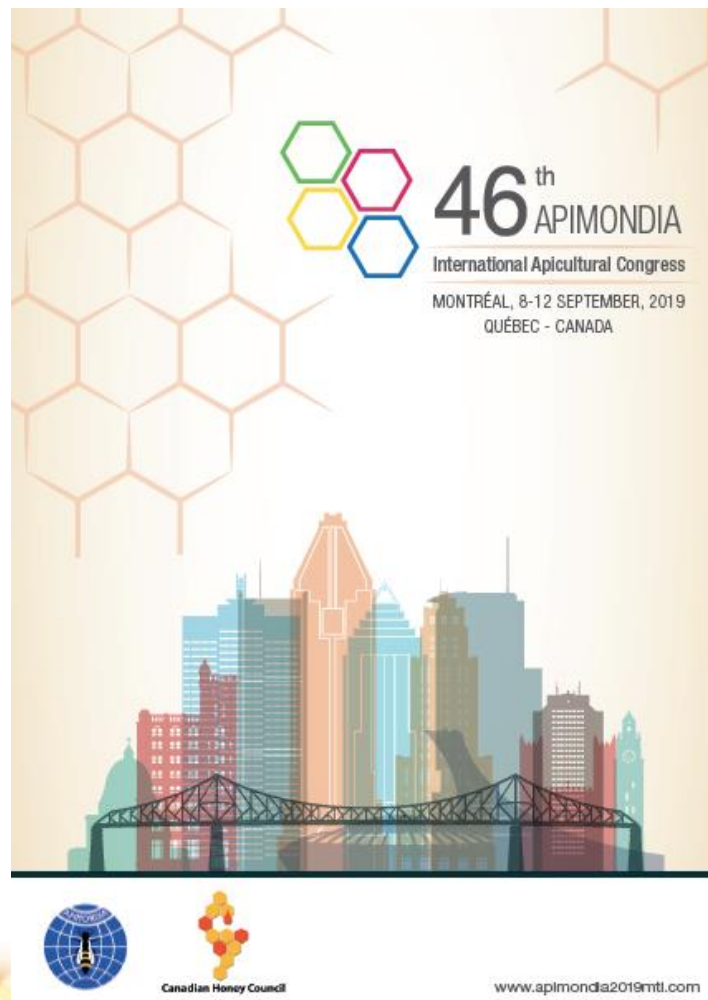
## Re-introduction of fumigilan-B

- CHC, in co-operation with the former Medivet owners are working to transfer the DIN number, labels and formulation to the CHC who will in turn seek out a Canadian manufacturer to secure an economically reasonable and reliable supply of fumigilan – B.





# Apimondia



# Apimondia

- The Canadian Honey Council and its industry partners are proud to invite you to join the 46th Apimondia Congress, which will be held in Montréal, Canada from 8 to 12 September 2019. Apimondia 2019 Montréal proposes a theme outlining the importance of bees for our society:

***“Working together within agriculture,  
Canada’s answer to sustainable  
beekeeping”***



# Apimondia Montreal 2019

## Sunday – Sept. 8

- Exhibition and Registrations
- Opening Ceremony

## Monday Sept. 9

- Exhibition and Registrations
- Scientific Sessions
- General Assembly

## Tuesday Sept. 10

- Exhibition and Registrations
- Scientific Sessions

## Wednesday Sept. 11

- Exhibition and Registrations
- Scientific Sessions

## Thursday Sept. 12

- Exhibition and Registrations
- Scientific Sessions
- General Assembly + Closing Ceremony

## Friday Sept. 13

- Technical tours



# Apimondia Montreal 2019

- We are encouraged by what has already been accomplished and will work diligently with partners to ensure a most successful and profitable Apimondia in Montréal
- All info on the website at:  
<http://www.apimondia2019.com>



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Questions???

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Thank You!

