

Survey on Beekeeping in Québec

2025

About the survey

The objective of the *Survey on Beekeeping in Québec* is to provide an accurate picture of the beekeeping industry in Québec and to follow its evolution.

Confidentiality

Your operation has been selected to participate in this survey. Participation is mandatory under the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec*.

The information requested must be transmitted to Institut de la statistique du Québec.

The Institut de la statistique du Québec guarantees that all the information you will provide about your operation as part of this survey will be kept confidential.

Instructions

- ▶ Do not mail your completed questionnaire back to us.
- ▶ To answer the survey, you must complete the online questionnaire by following the instructions in the letter or e-mail you received from us.
- ▶ If your questionnaire has not been completed by February 28, 2026, the Institut de la statistique du Québec will contact you so that you can answer it by telephone.

Assistance

If you require any assistance, please contact the Direction de la gestion de la collecte by telephone at 1-800-561-0213 or by e-mail at collecte@stat.gouv.qc.ca.

1a Were you active in the beekeeping industry in 2025? (You were active if you had at least six colonies in production between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.)

- Yes → Go to question 2.
- No, I was not active in the beekeeping industry in 2025, but I plan on being active again this year → Go to section 3.
- No, because I had fewer than six colonies in production → Go to section 3.
- No, I have sold, transferred or donated my beekeeping equipment → Go to question 1b.

1b Please provide the new owner's contact information.

If your beekeeping business has been sold or leased, please enter the contact information of the buyer or lessee.

Name

Telephone No. -

E-mail address

Address

Municipality

Province

Postal code

Date of sale

→ Go to section 3.

Section 1 Production profile

Please include the colonies you had on June 1, 2025 (including any new colonies formed before June 1, 2025).

Examples of “colonies in production”:

- Colonies that produce honey, beeswax, pollen, royal jelly or propolis.
- Colonies that are used to produce nuclei or queen bees, or colonies that have matured during the summer.
- Colonies that are rented out for pollination purposes.

Check only one region. If necessary, use the map on the last page of the questionnaire.

2 Please indicate the number of colonies in production that you had in 2025.

3 Please check the main administrative region where you operated your colonies in production.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Bas-Saint-Laurent | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Nord-du-Québec |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Capitale-Nationale | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Chaudière-Appalaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Mauricie | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Laval |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Estrie | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Lanaudière |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Montréal | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Laurentides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Outaouais | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Montérégie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08 Abitibi-Témiscamingue | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Centre-du-Québec |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Côte-Nord | |

Please indicate the number of colonies rented out in 2025 for pollination purposes and the average rental price per colony.

When a colony is rented out more than once, you must count each rental separately.

You must not count the colonies when the rental price is \$0 or when they are bartered.

The average price should correspond to the value obtained for the rental of one colony [in dollars] for each type of crop. For example, if you rented 100 colonies for blueberry pollination for a total of \$16,000, the average price would be \$160/colony).

	Type of crop to be pollinated	Number of colonies	Average price per colony
4	Apple	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
5	Blueberry (lowbush blueberry, highbush blueberry)	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
6	Strawberry	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
7	Cranberry	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
8	Cucumber	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
9	Other(s), specify: _____	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
	Please provide information for all other types of crops here.		

Section 2 Production and disposition of bee products in 2025

Please check all the situations that applied to your beekeeping operation in 2025.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> You produced honey | <input type="checkbox"/> You produced royal jelly | <input type="checkbox"/> You had colonies that matured |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You produced beeswax | <input type="checkbox"/> You produced propolis | <input type="checkbox"/> You raised queen bees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You produced pollen | <input type="checkbox"/> You produced nuclei
(new colonies formed during the year) | |

Please provide the quantities and prices requested in the table below. Check off the unit of measure used for the quantities of honey, beeswax, pollen, royal jelly, and propolis.

- Pound (lb) Kilogram (1 kg = 2,204 lbs)

Availability of products in 2025	Honey	Beeswax	Pollen	Royal jelly	Propolis
10a Opening inventory on January 1, 2025 If applicable, an inventory report will be attached to this questionnaire.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10b Total production during the year Include product losses that occurred over this period.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
10c Total product availability in 2025 (10a + 10b).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Disposition of products in 2025	Honey		Beeswax		Pollen		Royal jelly		Propolis	
	Quantity ¹	Average price ²								
11 Consumed by members of the business and by the family	_____	N/A								
12 Used by the beekeeping business Enter the quantity used for feeding the bee, personal use, gifts, barter, and on-farm direct processing.	_____	N/A								
13 Retail sales Include direct sales to consumers, for example, at the farm, at a kiosk, or at an exhibition. Ideally, honey that has been purchased from other beekeepers and resold should be excluded from total sales.	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
14 Semi-retail sales Include sales to retailers, distributors or other resellers.	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
15 Wholesale sales to packers, processors, etc., to other beekeepers in Québec, and to beekeepers outside Québec.	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____

Disposition of products in 2025 (continued)	Honey		Beeswax		Pollen		Royal jelly		Propolis	
	Quantity ¹	Average price ²								
16 Product losses during the year Main reason: <input type="text"/>										
Include goods lost during transportation or handling, crystallized product unfit for sale, hives destroyed/damaged before harvest (evaluate losses).	<input type="text"/>	N/A								
17 Closing inventory on December 31, 2025 To obtain the closing inventory, subtract the quantities entered in questions 11 through 16 (inclusive) from the total product availability (10c).	<input type="text"/>	N/A								
18 Total disposition and inventory (Sum of the quantities reported in questions 11 through 17). The total at question 18 should correspond to the total at question 10c.	<input type="text"/>	N/A								

1. According to the unit of measure selected at the beginning of section 2.

2. The average price should correspond to the value obtained for the sale of one unit of product. For example, if you sold 100 pounds of a product for a total of \$1,000, the average price would be \$10/pound.

Production in 2025	Nuclei	Colonies that have matured	Queen bees
	Enter the number of nuclei produced during the year, whether for personal use or for sale. If any nuclei became mature colonies during the year, please include them in the section "Colonies that have matured".	Enter the number of colonies that matured during the year.	Enter the number of queen bees raised during the year. Do not include queen cells.
10b Total production during the year Include losses. Quantify these losses and indicate the main reason in question 16.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Disposition of products in 2025	Nuclei		Colonies that have matured		Queen bees	
	Quantity	Average price	Quantity	Average price	Quantity	Average price
13 Retail sales These are direct sales to consumers: at the farm, at a kiosk, at an exhibition.	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
16 Losses of nuclei, mature colonies and queen bees Main reason: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	N/A	<input type="text"/>	N/A	<input type="text"/>	N/A

	Honey	Beeswax	Pollen	Royal jelly	Propolis
19 During the year, did you produce any products that are certified organic by a certification body accredited in Québec?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
Note: The certification bodies accredited in Québec are as follows: Ecocert Canada, LETIS S.A., Organisme de certification Québec-Vrai, and Pro-Cert.	<input type="checkbox"/> No				

20 If applicable, please indicate the quantity of products certified organic by a certification body accredited in Québec produced by your business.
 Note: Use the unit of measure chosen for the previous questions.

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21 In general, how satisfied are you with your overall product output for 2025?

Very satisfied → Go to section 3.

Fairly satisfied → Go to section 3.

Slightly satisfied

Not at all satisfied

22 Please indicate why you are not satisfied with your product output in 2025. Check all that apply.

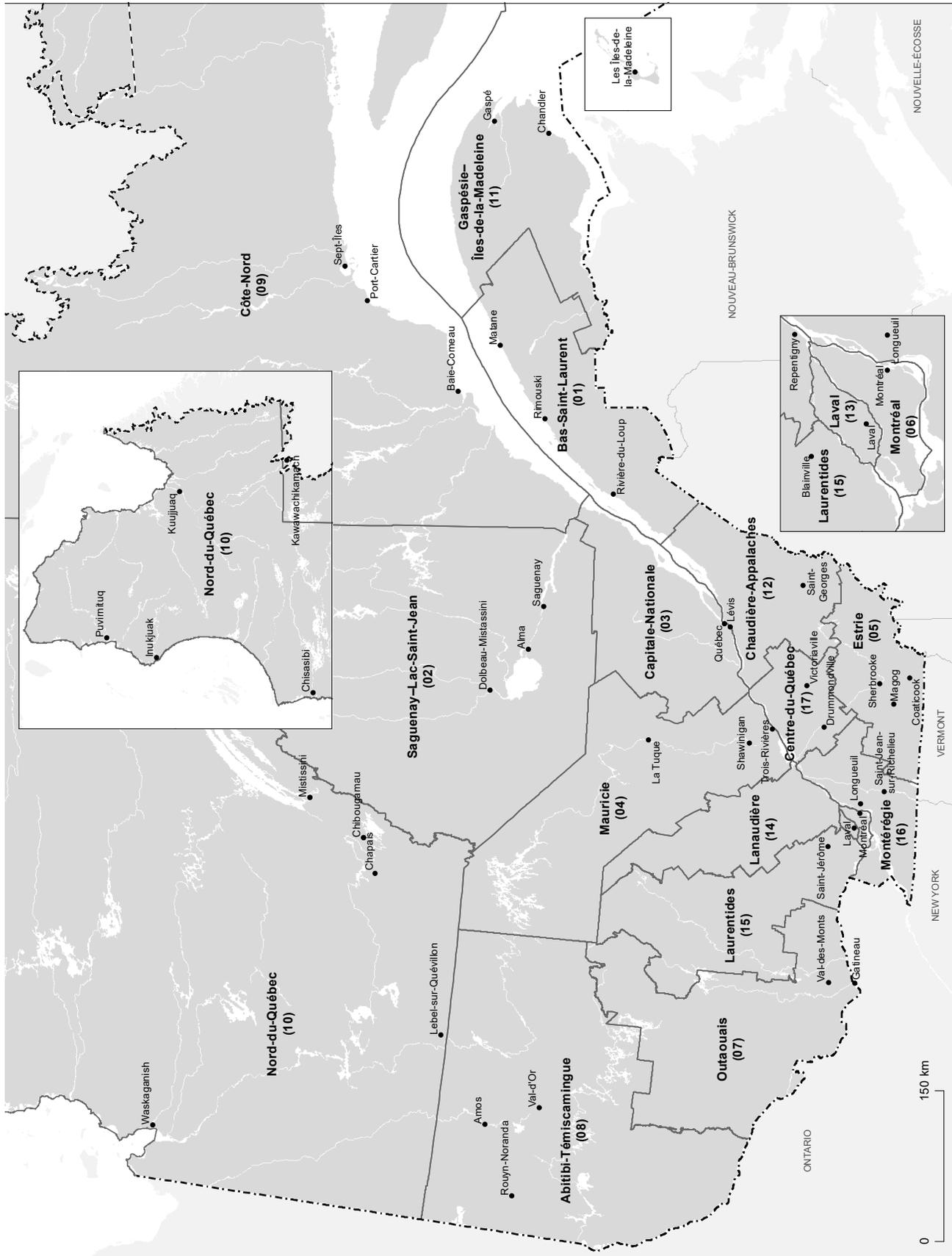
Bad weather

Diseases affecting the beehives

Destruction of beehives by animals

Other reason(s), specify:

Québec's administrative regions in 2025



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