

Subsidies to producers of these commodities have been renewed in 1944 for the third year; this is the second year during which the subsidies were paid under the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Department. Tomatoes cultivated for canning and processing will be subsidized at \$6 a ton instead of \$3 as in 1943. Rates of subsidies on the other crops in 1943 are to be continued as follows:

Corn - \$4 a ton
Peas - \$10 a ton shell weight or
 \$2 a ton straw weight
Green or wax beans - \$7.50 a ton

In addition to the subsidies, canners have to pay at least their 1941 price. Prices in Ontario in 1941 were as follows:

Tomatoes - \$14.10 a ton
Corn - \$11 a ton
Peas - \$45 a ton shell weight

Thus the percentage increase to growers over 1941 prices which the subsidies represent is respectively 21% for tomatoes, 22% for corn and 36% for peas.

MAPLE PRODUCTS

The objective for the production of maple syrup and other maple products for the 1944 season calls for an increase of nearly one-third over last year's output. It is expected that this quantity (about 3,000,000 gallons on a syrup basis) will find a ready market, particularly in view of the recent announcement by the ration administration of the Prices Board. Until May 31, 1944, the value of "D" coupons for purchasing maple syrup has been increased so that a gallon of syrup may be obtained on surrender of four coupons. Arrangements have been made for coupon vouchers in mail order delivery of syrup. Thus the sale of syrup directly from producer to consumer is facilitated.

HONEY

The 1943 honey crop at 32,500,000 pounds was the second largest on record, but a further increase to 36,597,000 pounds is considered as a feasible objective for the coming season. This quantity would presumably find a ready market under present rationing controls on sweet foods.