

AGRICULTURE statistics

TABLE 60: Production of Leafcutting Bees and Alfalfa Seed

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Leafcutting Beekeepers	140	116	98	93
Number of Leafcutting Bees (million) ...	2,170	1,400	910	540
Price of Leafcutting Bees (per bee)	\$0.00185	0.0035	0.0090	0.0092
TOTAL VALUE OF BEES	\$4,014,500	\$4,900,000	\$8,190,000	\$4,989,160
Alfalfa Seed – ha	12,343	14,164	14,164	7,689
Alfalfa Seed – ac	30,500	35,000	35,000	19,000
Alfalfa Seed Production – tonnes	6,400	3,645	1,893	613
Alfalfa Seed Production – ‘000 lb	14,100	8,018	4,165	1,349
Price \$/kg	\$2.24	\$2.97	\$3.08	3.19
Price \$/lb	\$1.02	\$1.35	\$1.40	1.45
TOTAL VALUE OF SEED PRODUCED	\$14,382,000	\$8,543,190	\$5,831,000	\$1,956,050
TOTAL VALUE OF BEES AND SEED	\$18,396,000	\$13,443,190	\$14,021,000	\$6,945,210

NOTE: Statistics reflect total alfalfa seed production (pedigreed and common).
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