

REPORT ON MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28th OCTOBER  
1947, in I.M.D. BUILDING, WELLINGTON.

PRESENT: Mr A.M. Greig, (Chairman) Office of Minister of Marketing  
" W. Nelson }  
" Robins } N.Z. Honey Export Control Board  
" Penny }  
" E.A. Field } National Beekeepers' Assn.  
" Williams }  
" F.D. Holt } Honey Suppliers' Assn.  
" Barber }  
" W.K. Dallas, Director of Horticulture  
" K.B. Longmore }  
" A.C. Bridle } Internal Marketing Division  
" H.F. Stoupe }

The matters upon which agreement was reached were as follow:-

1. Organised Marketing:

It was agreed: That organised marketing was essential for future security

2. Supply to Honey Blending Plant, Auckland.

It was agreed: That on the data available, 1,000 tons per annum was the supply necessary to ensure full-time economical working of the honey blending plant, Auckland.

3. Pool System.

It was agreed: That the pool principle was accepted by the honey industry at present, but in future may need to be allied with costs of production.

4. Comparable Returns, Gate Sales and Supply to I.M.D.

It was agreed: That whether the producer supplied to the I.M.D. or sold in other ways, the return should be comparable.

5. Honey Seals Levy:

It was agreed: (1) That the seals levy should be retained  
(2) That in recent years the amount of levy has not acted as a balancing factor.  
(3) That means be devised for all sales of honey outside deliveries to the I.M.D. should bear a seal levy and the method by which this should become compulsory be further investigated.

6. Price.

It was agreed: That a definite minimum assured price for supplies to be sent in during the next twelve months should be announced as early as possible.

The meeting adjourned and resumed at 7.15 p.m.

7. Assessment of Distribution Costs:

A Sub-committee consisting of Messrs Barber, Field, Nelson and Stoupe was appointed to assess the distribution costs:-

- (a) To I.M.D.
- (b) Of bulk sales at the gate
- (c) Of retail sales at the gate

8. Appeal to Producers:

It was agreed:

- (1) That an appeal to producers should go out from the Honey Control Board, the National Beekeepers' Assn. and the Honey Suppliers' Assn on behalf of the industry to be signed by representatives of the above three bodies.

Note: Typing, duplication and posting was to be undertaken by the I.M.D., Auckland.

- (2) Each appeal is to have a detachable slip at the foot to be signed by the producer, setting out how much honey he expects to supply in 1948; the wording to be settled by the Sub-committee (Messrs Barber, Field and Nelson); the circular was to be sent out not later than 20th November 1947.

- (3) The minimum supply target is to be 400 tons.

9. Honey Marketing Committee

It was agreed: That the constitution of the Committee should be three producer representatives, and two Government nominees, one of whom is to be Chairman.

Mr Nelson desired to have his objection to the inclusion of Government officers on such a Committee recorded.

10. Basis of Election of Producer Members.

It was agreed:-

- (1) As an interim measure for next season only, that one representative from each of the three bodies, Honey Control Board, National Beekeepers' Assn. and Honey Suppliers' Assn. be the producer representatives for 1948.
- (2) Elections on a supply basis for the following years to commence with a qualifying period of supply for 1948, the minimum quantity to be supplied to be an average of 5 tons per year, over a three-year period, commencing with 3 tons for 1948.
- (3) Election rules to be framed on similar lines to those of the Raspberry Marketing Committee. (Copy of the Regulations is attached).
- (4) Voting on the supply basis to be as under:-

1 case to 1 ton	1 vote
Over 1 ton and under 2 tons	2 votes
" 2 " " 3 tons	3 votes
" 3 " " 4 "	4 "
" 4 " " 5 "	5 "
" 5 " " 6 "	6 "
" 6 " " 7 "	7 "
" 7 " " 8 "	8 "
" 8 " " 9 "	9 "
" 9 "	10 " maximum

Voting to be on the basis of supply for the preceding year.

- (5) Producer members to retire in rotation. This provision will commence only after two years from the time of election of the first elected committee.
- (6) Each elected member may appoint a deputy.
- (7) Not less than three meetings to be held during each year - one at least to be held in Wellington.

- (8) The I.M.D. to give members all information in its possession regarding honey receipt, processing and distribution and to present periodically reports of work being done.
- (9) Honoraria to be at the rate of £70 per annum, plus travelling expenses - travelling allowance at the rate of 12/6d per half day or part thereof.
- (10) The first election to be held in August 1948. Honey received up to 30th June 1948 to be the basis for the compilation of election rules.

11. Functions of the Marketing Committee

- (1) To assist and advise the Minister and determine any matters relating to the receipt, storage, blending, packing and distribution of honey received by the I.M.D.
  - (2) To consider and advise upon present and future trend in honey marketing and factors affecting them.
  - (3) To make such recommendations to the Minister as it thinks fit for the purpose of better co-ordination between the industry and the Marketing Department, and for the betterment of the industry generally.
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