

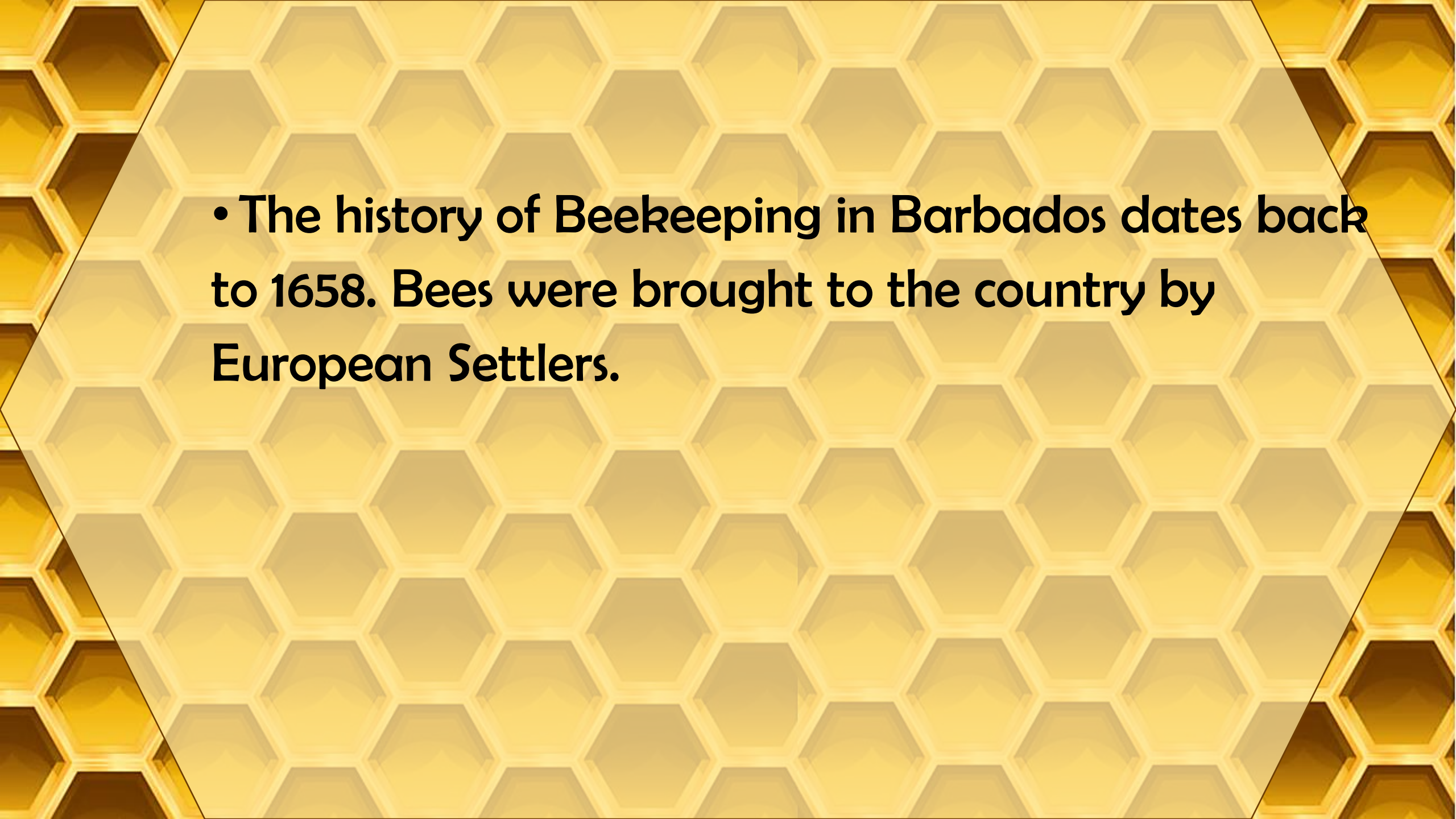
# 10th Caribbean Beekeeping Congress. – Barbados Country Paper.

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Beekeeping in Barbados



# History of Beekeeping in Barbados



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- **The history of Beekeeping in Barbados dates back to 1658. Bees were brought to the country by European Settlers.**



# Demographic profile of sector



1. The type of bees are European, with no sightings of Africanized bees.
2. Number of colonies: estimated to be 580 - 600 active on island.
3. Number of beekeeper by sex/age: beekeepers' age range from 5 – 65 years old. Both males and females are involved in the industry.
4. Production Levels of various hive: medium supers contain approximately 45 pounds per year.
5. Value-added hive-products include: candles, soaps, skin waxes, lip balm and body creams.



# Successes and Challenges to growth development



- **Successes:**

- 302 persons trained in basic beekeeping, 202 males and 100 females
- 45 persons received bee suits and starter kits.
- More persons involved in bee removals.
- Beekeepers trained in queen rearing.

- **Challenges:**

- Wax moth invasion in some colonies.
- Severe drought early in the year affecting the availability of food, hence supplemental feeding had to be done.
- Torrential rains in the wet season again affecting food availability and supplemental feeding was provided.
- High cost of beekeeping equipment which must be imported. This affects the number of persons getting involved in the industry.



# Future Projects



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- **Empowering the youth and women in beekeeping.**
  - **Establishing a junior beekeeping club**