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## HONEY PRODUCTION

Honey production in 1987 from producers with 5 or more hives totaled 227 million pounds (103 thousand metric tons), up 13 percent from 1986. There were 3.19 million colonies producing the honey, down slightly from 1986. Colonies that produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State, and calculated yield would therefore be reduced. Yield per colony averaged 71.1 pounds, up from 62.5 pounds in 1986. Stocks were 33.1 million pounds or 14.6 percent of production. Problems developed late in the year as infestations of the Varroa mite were discovered.

## HONEY PRICES

Prices for the 1987 honey crop averaged 50.7 cents per pound, down 0.4 cents from the 1986 price of 51.1 cents per pound. Prices are based on sales to private processors and co-ops, and on retail sales by producers. Prices for each color are derived by weighting price for each month of sale by the quantity sold. Higher prices for the amber honeys reflect the larger proportion of retail sales relative to the white honey class. All government payments and loans are excluded from the honey prices published in this report.

### U.S. HONEY PRICES BY COLOR CLASS, 1987 AND 1986

COLOR CLASS	PRICE	
	1986 1/	1987
	CENTS PER POUND	
WATER WHITE, EXTRA WHITE, AND WHITE (0-34 MM)	49.5	48.9
EXTRA LIGHT AMBER (35-50 MM)	52.7	52.2
LIGHT AMBER, AMBER AND DARK AMBER (51+ MM)	51.9	52.0
ALL OTHER HONEY - AREA SPECIALTIES	53.7	58.9
ALL HONEY	51.1	50.7

1/ REVISED, INCLUDES HONEY PRODUCED IN 1986 THAT WAS SOLD IN 1987.

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NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE, 1986 1/

STATE	NUMBER OF COLONIES	YIELD PER COLONY	PRODUCTION	STOCKS DEC. 15	AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
	1,000	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS		CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
ALA	41	42	1,722	327	60	1,033
ARIZ	77	50	3,850	693	52	2,002
ARK	21	64	1,344	54	40	538
CAL	520	52	27,040	3,515	54	14,602
COLO	41	78	3,198	480	54	1,727
CONN	3	20	60	22	91	55
DEL	1	25	25	13	105	26
FLA	290	75	21,750	2,828	53	11,528
GA	115	41	4,715	377	51	2,405
HAW	9	147	1,323	93	56	741
IDAHO	100	45	4,500	540	51	2,295
ILL	30	27	810	267	81	656
IND	27	23	621	180	75	466
IOWA	40	59	2,360	519	53	1,251
KANS	47	85	3,995	519	55	2,197
KY	15	15	225	86	98	221
LA	35	58	2,030	102	42	853
MAINE	9	17	153	54	72	110
MD	8	28	224	65	74	166
MASS	10	15	150	54	66	99
MICH	80	56	4,480	851	51	2,285
MINN	136	78	10,608	636	47	4,986
MISS	23	54	1,242	75	45	559
MO	30	53	1,590	286	46	731
MONT	110	64	7,040	211	50	3,520
NEB	100	76	7,600	532	47	3,572
NEV	9	40	360	54	50	180
N H	1	14	14	2	106	15
N J	16	30	480	216	77	370
N MEX	19	63	1,197	407	54	646
N Y	92	32	2,944	530	65	1,914
N CAR	18	30	540	184	69	373
N DAK	290	107	31,030	1,862	45	13,964
OHIO	59	26	1,534	445	68	1,043
OKLA	15	48	720	194	94	677
OREG	59	43	2,537	507	56	1,421
PA	50	32	1,600	624	55	880
R I	1	15	15	5	150	23
S CAR	15	25	375	60	71	266
S DAK	201	113	22,713	5,224	46	10,448
TENN	36	32	1,152	426	78	899
TEX	117	62	7,254	798	52	3,772
UTAH	35	45	1,575	252	61	961
VT	7	17	119	42	91	108
VA	30	38	1,140	103	60	684
WASH	75	48	3,600	360	48	1,728
W VA	17	30	510	260	79	403
WIS	85	50	4,250	893	52	2,210
WYO	40	52	2,080	354	54	1,123
U S	3,205	62.5	200,394	27,181	2/ 51.1	102,732

1/ REVISED.  
2/ WEIGHTED BY SALES.

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	1,000	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS		CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
ALA	46	35	1,610	242	50	805
ARIZ	73	47	3,431	309	53	1,818
ARK	29	69	2,001	200	45	900
CAL	500	33	16,500	1,650	51	8,415
COLO	44	73	3,212	96	53	1,702
CONN	2	34	68	24	128	87
DEL	1	29	29	18	93	27
FLA	240	79	18,960	1,327	50	9,480
GA	120	38	4,560	502	55	2,508
HAW	9	190	1,710	581	56	958
IDAHO	105	60	6,300	945	55	3,465
ILL	28	75	2,100	777	82	1,722
IND	25	58	1,450	363	70	1,015
IOWA	44	103	4,532	1,314	58	2,629
KANS	46	51	2,346	821	64	1,501
KY	14	25	350	147	95	333
LA	35	75	2,625	105	50	1,313
MAINE	9	46	414	70	62	257
MD	7	35	245	88	63	154
MASS	11	15	165	33	60	99
MICH	80	68	5,440	1,034	53	2,883
MINN	150	108	16,200	1,296	46	7,452
MISS	19	60	1,140	80	46	524
MO	30	65	1,950	156	47	917
MONT	95	102	9,690	1,066	46	4,457
NEB	120	92	11,040	2,208	45	4,968
NEV	11	30	330	66	55	182
N H	1	32	32	13	95	30
N J	25	34	850	213	71	604
N MEX	19	50	950	162	54	513
N Y	90	44	3,960	1,188	69	2,732
N CAR	20	48	960	173	80	768
N DAK	280	110	30,800	3,388	44	13,552
OHIO	55	50	2,750	853	66	1,815
OKLA	10	70	700	140	100	700
OREG	55	42	2,310	531	53	1,224
PA	48	39	1,872	711	62	1,161
R I	1	32	32	10	127	41
S CAR	15	34	510	41	63	321
S DAK	250	134	33,500	5,360	45	15,075
TENN	35	55	1,925	732	91	1,752
TEX	110	74	8,140	1,465	54	4,396
UTAH	35	48	1,688	336	54	912
VT	7	46	322	132	91	293
VA	25	48	1,200	120	50	600
WASH	75	55	4,125	206	44	1,815
W VA	21	41	861	207	70	603
WIS	83	97	8,051	1,047	54	4,348
WYO	37	78	2,886	548	53	1,530
U S	3,190	71.1	226,822	33,094	2/ 50.7	115,356

1/ PRELIMINARY.

2/ WEIGHTED BY SALES.