

honey production



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Apiaries with 300 or more colonies

- Number of colonies
- Average yield per colony
- Honey production

Commercial apiaries with 300 or more colonies in the 20 major honey producing States expect to produce 105 million pounds of honey in 1975. This is 3 percent above the commercial honey production in 1974 but 20 percent below the 1973 production.

Commercial apiaries had 1,705,000 colonies of bees in 1975, compared with 1,691,000 a year ago and 1,640,000 in 1973. Yield per colony is expected to average 61.7 pounds, up 2 percent from 1974 but 23 percent below 1973.

Commercial production in California is expected to be 18.5 million pounds, the same as a year ago. Florida expected production of 10.4 million pounds, is 32 percent above last year. The number of colonies of bees in Florida is down but yield per colony is expected to be 23 pounds above a year ago.

This preliminary report contains estimates of expected 1975 honey production in 20 major States from commercial apiaries with 300 or more colonies. Commercial apiaries produced about 55 percent of all honey in 1974.

HONEY: COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION IN APLARIES WITH 300 OR MORE COLONIES IN
20 MAJOR STATES, 1973-75

STATE	COLONIES OF BEES				YIELD PER COLONY			HONEY PRODUCTION			
	1973	1974	1975	1975 AS % OF 1974	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1975 AS % OF 1974
	1,000			PERCENT	POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS			PERCENT
ARIZ	47	43	40	93	77	57	56	3,619	2,451	2,240	91
CALIF	385	385	385	100	65	48	48	25,025	18,480	18,480	100
COLO	31	31	31	100	54	85	61	1,674	2,635	1,891	72
FLA	136	136	129	95	106	58	81	14,416	7,888	10,449	132
GA	70	70	72	103	49	25	44	3,430	1,750	3,168	181
IDAHO	91	93	96	103	60	64	39	5,460	5,952	3,744	63
ILL	10	10	9	90	70	70	57	700	700	513	73
IOWA	36	36	40	111	112	103	87	4,032	3,708	3,480	94
MICH	54	58	56	97	85	47	65	4,590	2,726	3,640	134
MINN	98	105	105	100	117	75	85	11,466	7,875	8,925	113
MONT	75	77	75	97	102	89	97	7,650	6,853	7,275	106
NEBR	110	123	126	102	75	88	53	8,250	10,824	6,678	62
N Y	54	54	49	91	61	58	65	3,294	3,132	3,185	102
N C	6	7	7	100	70	52	80	420	364	560	154
N DAK	68	75	84	112	100	80	98	6,800	6,000	8,232	137
OREG	25	23	22	96	55	48	45	1,375	1,104	990	90
S DAK	125	138	138	100	110	50	68	13,750	6,900	9,384	136
TEX	93	100	98	98	61	61	61	5,673	6,100	5,978	98
WASH	76	75	77	103	47	34	34	3,572	2,550	2,618	103
WIS	50	52	66	127	120	72	58	6,000	3,744	3,828	102
20 STATES	1,640	1,691	1,705	101	80.0	60.2	61.7	131,196	101,736	105,258	103