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HONEY PRODUCTION - 1939, 1940, AND 1941

Production of honey in the United States in 1941 totaled 206,591,000 pounds, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today. This compares with an output of 204,363,000 pounds in 1940, and 181,332,000 pounds in 1939.

The number of colonies was 4,555,000 in 1941, compared with 4,410,000 in 1940, and 4,487,000 in 1939. The number of colonies, it will be noted, has remained fairly stable, though adverse weather conditions during the winter of 1939-40 resulted in a heavy loss of bees in the East North Central States. Replacements were rapidly made, however, through the purchase of package bees, and losses were further offset by increases in other sections of the country. In 1940 the total number of colonies was only about 2 percent smaller than the 1939 total.

Yields per colony were relatively high during the past two seasons. For the country as a whole, the average was 45.4 pounds in 1941 and 46.3 pounds in 1940, compared with only 40.4 in 1939. Yields in the North Central and Western States are far above the United States average, largely because of the extensive plantings of sweetclover and alfalfa from which the bees are able to obtain nectar. Yields in the Southern States are rather low because of the large number of colonies used in the production of package bees and queens.

California is the leading honey-producing State by a wide margin, its output alone exceeding that of the eight South Central States. Then follow in order Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois.

These nine States produce over half of the Nation's honey crop.

NUMBER OF COLONIES, YIELD PER COLONY, AND PRODUCTION OF HONEY,  
1939, 1940, and 1941

State and Div.	COLONIES OF BEES			HONEY PER COLONY			PRODUCTION OF HONEY		
	1939	1940	1/1941	1939	1940	1/1941	1939	1940	1/1941
	Thousand colonies			Pounds			Thousand pounds		
Me.	4	4	4	22	18	16	88	72	64
N.H.	2	2	2	22	24	35	44	48	70
Vt.	8	7	7	36	27	36	288	189	252
Mass.	14	15	14	13	13	26	252	169	364
R.I.	1	1	1	19	21	27	19	21	27
Conn.	18	18	17	23	20	33	504	360	561
N.Y.	190	171	183	51	48	70	9,690	8,203	12,810
N.J.	28	26	25	30	34	48	840	884	1,200
Pa.	176	168	178	28	25	40	4,928	4,200	7,120
N. ATL.	441	410	431	37.8	34.5	52.1	16,553	14,151	22,468
Ohio	283	260	290	35	50	46	9,905	13,000	13,340
Ind.	190	130	200	33	52	44	6,270	9,560	8,800
Ill.	210	190	205	34	42	45	7,140	7,980	9,235
Mich.	155	153	153	76	69	64	11,780	10,557	9,792
Wis.	170	156	160	57	54	59	9,690	8,424	9,440
N.C.E.	1,003	939	1,008	44.4	52.5	50.2	44,785	49,321	50,597
Minn.	172	187	210	87	74	83	14,964	13,638	17,430
Iowa	165	155	167	91	103	96	15,015	15,965	16,032
Mo.	130	125	136	29	40	34	3,770	5,000	4,624
N. Dak.	20	20	21	83	57	99	1,660	1,140	2,079
S. Dak.	13	14	14	145	91	98	1,835	1,274	1,372
Nebr.	40	39	37	106	111	113	4,240	4,539	4,292
Kans.	37	30	31	47	60	51	1,269	1,300	1,581
N.C.W.	567	570	615	75.5	76.0	77.0	42,803	43,546	47,410
Del.	3	3	3	22	18	17	66	54	51
Md.	24	24	23	22	19	21	528	456	483
Va.	110	120	113	17	25	24	1,870	3,000	2,784
W. Va.	94	91	95	14	11	19	1,316	1,001	1,305
N.C.	130	170	164	16	25	19	2,830	4,230	3,116
S.C.	43	42	50	16	24	18	688	1,152	900
Ga.	156	160	160	22	21	17	3,432	3,360	2,720
Fla.	144	150	146	40	45	49	5,730	6,750	7,154
S. ATL.	754	766	757	21.9	26.1	25.1	16,540	20,023	19,015
Ky.	140	130	140	12	11	13	1,680	1,430	1,820
Tenn.	152	140	144	11	9	19	1,672	1,260	2,736
Ala.	124	120	116	13	15	13	1,612	1,800	2,088
Miss.	58	54	53	11	16	12	658	864	636
Ark.	67	70	75	18	25	16	1,306	1,750	1,200
La.	57	60	56	22	17	25	1,254	1,020	1,400
Okla.	64	66	63	20	23	37	1,280	1,518	2,516
Tex.	210	220	200	28	58	24	5,880	8,360	4,800
S. CENT.	872	860	852	17.5	20.9	20.2	15,222	18,002	17,196
Mont.	28	27	30	125	140	128	3,500	3,780	3,840
Idaho	100	110	115	64	66	41	6,400	7,260	4,715
Wyo.	26	28	25	140	86	73	3,640	2,408	1,825
Colo.	59	60	64	71	90	75	4,139	5,400	4,300
N. Mex.	14	15	15	40	41	37	560	615	555
Ariz.	61	65	63	74	82	94	4,514	5,330	6,392
Utah	53	53	51	32	45	23	1,696	2,385	1,173
Nev.	12	13	13	31	54	22	372	702	286
Wash.	62	63	64	44	46	27	2,728	2,893	1,728
Oreg.	50	51	51	43	42	33	2,150	2,142	1,683
Calif.	380	380	395	41	70	58	15,530	26,600	22,910
WEST.	845	865	891	53.6	63.8	56.0	45,329	59,520	49,907
U. S.	4,437	4,410	4,555	40.4	46.3	45.4	181,332	204,363	206,591

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PRICE AND VALUE OF HONEY, 1930, 1940, and 1941

State and Div.	PRICE PER POUND			VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCED		
	1930	1940	1941 1/2	1939	1940	1941 1/2
	Cents			Thousands dollars		
Me.	18.4	18.3	20.2	16	13	13
N.H.	13.9	12.6	14.9	6	6	10
Vt.	10.4	9.5	11.9	30	18	30
Mass.	9.7	9.4	10.4	24	16	38
R. I.	11.4	11.5	12.4	2	2	3
Conn.	10.0	9.9	11.3	50	36	63
N. Y.	6.1	5.7	6.8	591	468	871
N. J.	8.6	8.1	9.4	72	72	113
Pa.	7.9	7.0	9.2	389	294	655
N. ATL.	7.1	6.5	8.0	1,180	925	1,796
Ohio	6.2	6.0	6.7	614	780	894
Ind.	7.9	7.5	8.3	495	702	730
Ill.	6.8	6.4	7.4	486	511	683
Mich.	6.4	6.5	7.1	754	686	695
Wisc.	6.6	6.1	7.0	640	514	661
N.C.E.	6.7	6.5	7.2	2,986	3,193	3,663
Minn.	5.4	5.5	5.9	808	761	1,028
Iowa	6.1	5.8	6.4	916	926	1,026
Mo.	7.9	7.2	8.6	298	360	398
N. Dak.	5.3	5.3	5.8	88	60	121
S. Dak.	5.8	5.7	6.2	109	73	85
Nebr.	6.6	6.1	7.2	280	264	309
Kans.	6.8	6.5	7.0	86	117	111
N.C.W.	6.0	5.9	6.5	2,585	2,561	3,078
Del.	14.9	14.1	14.9	10	8	8
Md.	11.6	10.6	13.7	61	48	66
Va.	13.2	11.7	13.4	247	351	373
W.Va.	14.7	13.8	15.3	193	138	276
N.C.	11.6	11.1	11.4	334	472	355
S.C.	12.9	9.6	13.2	89	111	119
Ga.	11.0	8.3	11.3	378	279	307
Fla.	6.2	5.3	7.2	357	358	515
S. ATL.	10.1	8.8	10.6	1,669	1,765	2,019
Ky.	10.7	11.0	12.1	180	157	220
Tenn.	10.8	10.7	11.2	181	135	306
Ala.	8.4	8.0	9.0	135	144	188
Miss.	7.5	7.5	8.5	48	65	54
Ark.	10.3	10.7	10.1	124	187	121
La.	6.6	6.4	7.6	83	65	106
Okla.	10.0	9.3	11.0	128	141	277
Tex.	7.1	5.9	8.0	417	493	384
S. CENT.	8.5	7.7	9.6	1,296	1,387	1,656
Mont.	5.2	5.0	5.6	182	189	215
Idaho	5.2	5.0	5.5	333	363	259
Wyo.	5.1	4.8	5.5	186	116	100
Colo.	4.9	4.7	5.2	205	254	250
N. Mex.	6.2	5.8	6.3	35	36	35
Ariz.	5.1	4.8	5.5	230	256	352
Utah	4.6	3.6	4.9	78	86	57
Nev.	5.3	3.7	5.6	20	26	16
Wash.	6.1	5.4	5.9	166	156	102
Oreg.	6.1	5.3	5.9	131	114	99
Calif.	5.7	4.2	5.2	888	1,117	1,191
WEST	5.4	4.6	5.4	2,454	2,713	2,676
U.S.	6.7	6.1	7.2	12,173	12,544	14,888

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