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Summary

Honey: Final Estimates by State and United States, 2008-2012, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Statistics Board, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Statistical Bulletin No. SB-1039.

Introduction: This bulletin presents final estimates, including revisions made by the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB), for the production years 2008 through 2012. Honey producing colonies, yield per colony, honey production, producer held stocks, price per pound, and value of production were published in calendar years 2008-2012 in annual ASB reports. Data included in this publication provide a historic record and benchmark for current estimates.

Procedures: Revisions were made after a thorough review of the original survey data and all additional data now available, including the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The 2008-2012 estimates shown herein are considered final and will not be revised again. Revisions to honey produced at the National level are as follows:

Pounds of honey produced

Year	Previous (1,000 pounds)	Final (1,000 pounds)	Change (percent)
2008	163,789	163,789	-
2009	146,416	146,416	-
2010	176,462	176,462	-
2011	148,357	148,357	-
2012	142,296	142,296	-

- Represents zero.

Historic Estimates: Final estimates of Honey Production in earlier years are available in Statistical Bulletins No. 1025 for 2003-07, No. 992 for 1998-02, No. 956a for 1993-97, No. 912 for 1986-92, No. 673 for 1976-79, No. 614 for 1970-75, No. 500 for 1965-69, and No. 388 for 1955-64. NASS estimates for honey were not made for the years 1982-85.

Honey Price by Color Class – United States: 2008 and 2009

[Prices for each color class and marketing channel are derived by weighting the quantities sold]

Color class	Price					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	(cents per pound)					
Water white, extra white, white	138.9	142.6	195.0	252.6	141.2	144.0
Extra light amber	135.2	144.5	209.7	252.5	140.7	150.4
Light amber, amber, dark amber	127.4	135.1	240.5	291.4	142.0	148.2
All other honey, area specialties	143.3	179.8	326.8	414.3	205.9	247.9
All honey	135.4	141.5	224.7	283.7	142.1	147.3

Honey Price by Color Class – United States: 2010 and 2011

[Prices for each color class and marketing channel are derived by weighting the quantities sold]

Color class	Price					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(cents per pound)					
Water white, extra white, white	157.5	170.1	297.1	274.1	159.8	172.9
Extra light amber	151.1	164.4	266.3	307.1	157.6	171.1
Light amber, amber, dark amber	148.9	165.7	330.5	315.4	167.0	183.4
All other honey, area specialties	172.1	182.6	471.4	461.0	208.1	225.2
All honey	154.1	167.7	311.6	314.7	161.9	176.5

Honey Price by Color Class – United States: 2012

[Prices for each color class and marketing channel are derived by weighting the quantities sold]

Color class	Price		
	Co-op and private	Retail	All
	2012	2012	2012
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)
Water white, extra white, white	192.3	323.9	194.2
Extra light amber	195.4	303.5	200.2
Light amber, amber, dark amber	183.0	352.4	205.8
All other honey, area specialties	213.4	519.5	281.6
All honey	191.3	348.0	199.2

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2008

[Producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

State	Honey Producing Colonies ¹	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	9	66	594	214	190	1,129
Arizona	25	64	1,600	336	126	2,016
Arkansas	28	75	2,100	525	135	2,835
California	360	51	18,360	4,039	139	25,520
Colorado	27	45	1,215	656	151	1,835
Florida	150	79	11,850	1,304	132	15,642
Georgia	65	71	4,615	369	152	7,015
Hawaii	10	90	900	225	159	1,431
Idaho	90	40	3,600	1,440	146	5,256
Illinois	8	56	448	116	259	1,160
Indiana	7	67	469	150	168	788
Iowa	24	62	1,488	580	158	2,351
Kansas	10	61	610	128	155	946
Kentucky	4	39	156	27	244	381
Louisiana	40	77	3,080	493	136	4,189
Maine	7	42	294	79	157	462
Michigan	71	73	5,183	2,021	144	7,464
Minnesota	122	78	9,516	2,569	139	13,227
Mississippi	14	98	1,372	110	130	1,784
Missouri	11	53	583	152	168	979
Montana	134	70	9,380	4,596	137	12,851
Nebraska	36	67	2,412	1,254	145	3,497
Nevada	10	29	290	52	142	412
New Jersey	9	40	360	122	162	583
New Mexico	6	48	288	95	148	426
New York	50	70	3,500	1,260	165	5,775
North Carolina	12	52	624	137	218	1,360
North Dakota	400	90	36,000	8,640	136	48,960
Ohio	14	53	742	371	168	1,247
Oregon	50	43	2,150	1,097	141	3,032
Pennsylvania	23	48	1,104	276	165	1,822
South Dakota	225	95	21,375	11,970	134	28,643
Tennessee	7	61	427	149	209	892
Texas	77	64	4,928	1,380	134	6,604
Utah	28	48	1,344	242	157	2,110
Vermont	5	66	330	119	220	726
Virginia	6	42	252	45	242	610
Washington	49	44	2,156	862	151	3,256
West Virginia	6	43	258	49	216	557
Wisconsin	58	80	4,640	2,366	150	6,960
Wyoming	39	61	2,379	381	137	3,259
Other States ^{5 6}	16	51	817	163	234	1,912
United States ^{6 7}	2,342	69.9	163,789	51,159	142.1	232,744

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁵ Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and South Carolina not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

⁶ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁷ United States value of production will not equal summation of States.

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2009

[Producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

State	Honey Producing Colonies ¹	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	9	50	450	68	186	837
Arizona	20	52	1,040	562	145	1,508
Arkansas	24	57	1,368	301	142	1,943
California	355	33	11,715	2,109	139	16,284
Colorado	28	53	1,484	326	143	2,122
Florida	170	68	11,560	1,618	142	16,415
Georgia	65	41	2,665	346	147	3,918
Hawaii	10	95	950	323	176	1,672
Idaho	103	46	4,738	1,706	152	7,202
Illinois	8	34	272	57	255	694
Indiana	9	32	288	101	202	582
Iowa	26	42	1,092	339	160	1,747
Kansas	9	63	567	164	185	1,049
Kentucky	5	35	175	25	271	474
Louisiana	37	103	3,811	610	136	5,183
Maine	6	50	300	51	195	585
Michigan	66	60	3,960	1,505	155	6,138
Minnesota	122	65	7,930	1,427	144	11,419
Mississippi	14	104	1,456	87	132	1,922
Missouri	11	47	517	57	199	1,029
Montana	146	70	10,220	3,577	146	14,921
Nebraska	48	56	2,688	1,102	146	3,924
New Jersey	11	32	352	70	236	831
New Mexico	7	60	420	143	159	668
New York	45	65	2,925	936	193	5,645
North Carolina	11	45	495	84	257	1,272
North Dakota	450	77	34,650	7,623	138	47,817
Ohio	11	50	550	132	281	1,546
Oregon	55	34	1,870	767	154	2,880
Pennsylvania	21	40	840	319	203	1,705
South Dakota	270	66	17,820	6,237	142	25,304
Tennessee	7	51	357	86	237	846
Texas	89	63	5,607	1,065	139	7,794
Utah	26	38	988	198	146	1,442
Vermont	5	49	245	69	201	492
Virginia	6	39	234	56	345	807
Washington	62	44	2,728	1,064	158	4,310
West Virginia	5	37	185	33	260	481
Wisconsin	63	60	3,780	1,588	158	5,972
Wyoming	37	48	1,776	391	143	2,540
Other States ^{5 6}	26	52	1,348	194	237	3,195
United States ^{6 7}	2,498	58.6	146,416	37,516	147.3	215,671

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Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2010

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State	Honey Producing Colonies ¹	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	9	54	486	73	240	1,166
Arizona	24	77	1,848	665	152	2,809
Arkansas	25	60	1,500	360	147	2,205
California	410	67	27,470	6,318	155	42,579
Colorado	34	56	1,904	533	152	2,894
Florida	200	69	13,800	1,794	156	21,528
Georgia	55	46	2,530	152	167	4,225
Hawaii	10	77	770	239	275	2,118
Idaho	97	27	2,619	1,179	161	4,217
Illinois	9	41	369	92	278	1,026
Indiana	10	43	430	151	223	959
Iowa	27	49	1,323	463	192	2,540
Kansas	9	52	468	103	202	945
Kentucky	5	67	335	67	272	911
Louisiana	36	80	2,880	288	150	4,320
Maine	5	41	205	33	205	420
Michigan	71	58	4,118	1,524	167	6,877
Minnesota	128	66	8,448	1,774	155	13,094
Mississippi	16	98	1,568	78	144	2,258
Missouri	11	52	572	92	180	1,030
Montana	157	74	11,618	2,905	158	18,356
Nebraska	41	55	2,255	902	151	3,405
New Jersey	13	35	455	73	190	865
New Mexico	7	66	462	157	158	730
New York	45	64	2,880	1,123	196	5,645
North Carolina	13	46	598	144	266	1,591
North Dakota	510	91	46,410	12,995	150	69,615
Ohio	18	62	1,116	346	228	2,544
Oregon	59	39	2,301	874	163	3,751
Pennsylvania	30	37	1,110	377	213	2,364
South Dakota	265	58	15,370	4,765	151	23,209
Tennessee	8	63	504	106	250	1,260
Texas	100	72	7,200	792	151	10,872
Utah	26	30	780	195	153	1,193
Vermont	4	65	260	73	310	806
Virginia	5	37	185	37	332	614
Washington	71	37	2,627	1,077	157	4,124
West Virginia	5	40	200	40	239	478
Wisconsin	64	64	4,096	1,556	168	6,881
Wyoming	34	36	1,224	282	159	1,946
Other States ^{5 6}	26	45	1,168	221	281	3,282
United States ^{6 7}	2,692	65.6	176,462	45,018	161.9	285,692

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Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2011

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State	Honey Producing Colonies ¹	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	9	50	450	63	251	1,130
Arizona	23	53	1,219	427	155	1,889
Arkansas	22	64	1,408	239	162	2,281
California	370	48	17,760	3,730	165	29,304
Colorado	31	55	1,705	443	200	3,410
Florida	180	61	10,980	988	168	18,446
Georgia	65	43	2,795	196	165	4,612
Hawaii	9	74	666	246	365	2,431
Idaho	87	36	3,132	1,879	178	5,575
Illinois	7	50	350	98	390	1,365
Indiana	8	51	408	147	214	873
Iowa	25	62	1,550	961	196	3,038
Kansas	7	44	308	117	215	662
Kentucky	4	39	156	12	317	495
Louisiana	36	77	2,772	471	167	4,629
Maine	4	30	120	17	198	238
Michigan	74	64	4,736	2,084	181	8,572
Minnesota	120	53	6,360	2,099	163	10,367
Mississippi	18	115	2,070	104	153	3,167
Missouri	8	43	344	76	214	736
Montana	145	92	13,340	3,202	170	22,678
Nebraska	41	59	2,419	653	175	4,233
New Jersey	11	41	451	135	370	1,669
New Mexico	7	56	392	153	169	662
New York	49	56	2,744	1,235	196	5,378
North Carolina	14	62	868	95	283	2,456
North Dakota	460	71	32,660	7,512	167	54,542
Ohio	15	66	990	228	234	2,317
Oregon	60	34	2,040	755	168	3,427
Pennsylvania	24	44	1,056	306	255	2,693
South Dakota	250	66	16,500	4,290	170	28,050
Tennessee	7	44	308	68	293	902
Texas	78	58	4,524	633	178	8,053
Utah	23	39	897	170	175	1,570
Vermont	4	43	172	43	231	397
Virginia	4	40	160	21	407	651
Washington	71	38	2,698	836	193	5,207
West Virginia	4	53	212	45	257	545
Wisconsin	57	63	3,591	1,508	189	6,787
Wyoming	35	54	1,890	265	172	3,251
Other States ^{5 6}	25	46	1,156	211	299	3,456
United States ^{6 7}	2,491	59.6	148,357	36,761	176.5	261,850

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State	Honey Producing Colonies ¹	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama	8	54	432	65	247	1,067
Arizona	22	46	1,012	253	179	1,811
Arkansas	25	63	1,575	189	198	3,119
California	330	35	11,550	3,119	194	22,407
Colorado	25	48	1,200	468	207	2,484
Florida	193	64	12,352	1,235	184	22,728
Georgia	59	51	3,009	181	192	5,777
Hawaii	10	75	750	263	415	3,113
Idaho	92	32	2,944	530	163	4,799
Illinois	7	61	427	145	355	1,516
Indiana	8	59	472	203	254	1,199
Iowa	37	61	2,257	1,196	217	4,898
Kansas	6	55	330	125	228	752
Kentucky	5	51	255	41	315	803
Louisiana	41	86	3,526	141	183	6,453
Maine	4	34	136	24	239	325
Michigan	73	57	4,161	1,332	203	8,447
Minnesota	125	67	8,375	1,591	192	16,080
Mississippi	18	118	2,124	64	177	3,759
Missouri	7	53	371	108	280	1,039
Montana	145	52	7,540	2,413	195	14,703
Nebraska	43	65	2,795	1,146	193	5,394
New Jersey	14	33	462	51	197	910
New Mexico	5	52	260	99	339	881
New York	51	51	2,601	988	223	5,800
North Carolina	13	39	507	106	376	1,906
North Dakota	480	69	33,120	5,962	192	63,590
Ohio	18	60	1,080	410	246	2,657
Oregon	60	32	1,920	845	216	4,147
Pennsylvania	16	60	960	269	257	2,467
South Dakota	260	63	16,380	3,604	195	31,941
Tennessee	6	61	366	59	293	1,072
Texas	92	52	4,784	718	200	9,568
Utah	25	38	950	209	187	1,777
Vermont	4	60	240	53	239	574
Virginia	4	41	164	23	377	618
Washington	62	41	2,542	1,017	238	6,050
West Virginia	6	48	288	95	291	838
Wisconsin	60	69	4,140	1,863	205	8,487
Wyoming	50	51	2,550	459	187	4,769
Other States ^{5 6}	30	46	1,389	167	311	4,320
United States ^{6 7}	2,539	56.0	142,296	31,829	199.2	283,454

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Statistical Bulletin Publication Schedule

Statistical Bulletins (SB): The National Agricultural Statistics Service will issue a series of nineteen bulletins containing final estimates for agricultural data series based on the review of the 2012 Census of Agriculture and other information. The product number, bulletin title, and tentative release dates are as follows.

SB1030	Farms and Land in Farms – Final Estimates 2008-2012	05/28/14
SB1031	Agricultural Land Values – Final Estimates 2009-2013	06/19/14
SB1032	Citrus Fruits – Final Estimates 2008-2012	08/26/14
SB1033	Vegetables – Final Estimates 2008-2012	08/26/14
SB1034	Cattle – Final Estimates 2009-2013	09/04/14
SB1035	Hogs and Pigs – Final Estimates 2008-2012	09/04/14
SB1036	Milk Cows and Production – Final Estimates 2008-2012	09/04/14
SB1037	Sheep and Goats – Final Estimates 2009-2013	09/04/14
SB1038	Chickens and Eggs – Final Estimates 2008-2012	09/04/14
SB1039	Honey – Final Estimates 2008-2012	09/04/14
SB1040	Meat Animals, PDI – Final Estimates 2008-2012	10/29/14
SB1041	Milk Disposition and Income – Final Estimates 2008-2012	10/29/14
SB1042	Poultry Production and Value – Final Estimates 2008-2012	10/29/14
SB1043	Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – Final Estimates 2008-2012	10/30/14
SB1044	Field Crops – Final Estimates 2008-2012	11/03/14
SB1045	Rice Stocks – Final Estimates 2008-2013	11/03/14
SB1046	Stocks of Grains, Oilseeds, and Hay – Final Estimates 2008-2013	11/03/14
SB1047	Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes – Final Estimates 2008-2012	11/03/14
SB1048	Crop Values – Final Estimates 2008-2012	11/03/14

Agricultural Census Publications: The U. S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released several products from the 2012 Census of Agriculture on May 2, 2014. The Census is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agricultural production and the only source of consistent, comparable data at the county, State, and national levels. The Census includes all places from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products, including government payments, were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. Census publications also include demographic items such as sex of operator, residence on or off the farm, days worked off farm, years present on farm, age group categories, race, and number of persons living in each household.

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