

# Honey



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## United States Honey Production Up 11 Percent

Honey production in 1991 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 220 million pounds, up 11 percent from 1990. There were 3.20 million colonies producing honey in 1991, compared with 3.21 million in 1990. Yield per colony averaged 68.8 pounds, up 7.2 pounds from the 61.6 pounds in 1990. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 36.5 million pounds on December 15, 1991, up 17 percent from a year earlier.

## Honey Prices UP 2.2 Cents

Prices for the 1991 crop averaged 55.9 cents per pound, up 2.2 cents from the 1990 price of 53.7 cents per pound. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting State average prices by the State quantities sold. Prices increased for most types of honey in 1991 except for retail sales of water white, extra white, white, all other honey area specialties. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this annual report.

## U.S. Honey Prices by Color Class, 1990 and 1991

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	1990 <sup>1/</sup>	1991	1990 <sup>1/</sup>	1991	1990 <sup>1/</sup>	1991
Cents per Pound						
Water White,						
Extra White, White	50.8	55.0	89.9	71.5	52.9	55.8
Extra Light Amber	50.6	52.9	79.8	80.8	52.8	55.0
Light Amber,						
Amber, Dark Amber	50.7	53.1	80.6	80.9	55.8	56.6
All Other Honey,						
Area Specialties	43.1	55.1	103.3	86.9	60.2	63.7
All Honey	50.7	54.1	83.9	78.3	53.7	55.9

<sup>1/</sup> Revised, includes honey produced in 1990 that was sold in 1991.

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Honey 1990 1/

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 2/	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	---1,000 Pounds---		Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	29	38	1,102	143	55	606
AZ	67	48	3,216	836	49	1,576
AR	42	84	3,528	423	49	1,729
CA	480	42	20,160	2,218	54	10,886
CO	55	64	3,520	845	66	2,323
CT	2	52	104	47	130	135
DE	1	11	11	3	127	14
FL	220	95	20,900	1,881	48	10,032
GA	111	50	5,550	333	59	3,275
HI	10	157	1,570	314	47	738
ID	140	40	5,600	784	48	2,688
IL	23	40	920	543	73	672
IN	22	47	1,034	259	73	755
IA	70	54	3,780	945	53	2,003
KS	36	67	2,412	241	60	1,447
KY	8	44	352	127	92	324
LA	38	89	3,382	169	53	1,792
ME	20	24	480	77	64	307
MD	7	19	133	33	90	120
MA	15	13	195	43	129	252
MI	100	80	8,000	2,560	56	4,480
MN	170	74	12,580	1,384	49	6,164
MS	24	62	1,488	104	50	744
MO	30	63	1,890	567	57	1,077
MT	98	81	7,938	1,191	54	4,287
NE	118	56	6,608	1,189	49	3,238
NV	17	58	986	296	72	710
NH	1	54	54	19	85	46
NJ	15	21	315	107	90	284
NM	29	71	2,059	453	53	1,091
NY	81	54	4,374	1,094	65	2,843
NC	20	50	1,000	120	71	710
ND	210	82	17,220	689	52	8,954
OH	42	51	2,142	643	79	1,692
OK	9	50	450	149	78	351
OR	61	42	2,562	615	54	1,383
PA	41	28	1,148	379	67	769
RI	1	31	31	9	104	32
SC	12	41	492	49	69	339
SD	245	81	19,845	3,771	50	9,923
TN	19	33	627	138	99	621
TX	140	67	9,380	1,501	59	5,534
UT	47	37	1,739	539	56	974
VT	6	65	390	207	86	335
VA	16	34	544	207	95	517
WA	80	55	4,400	440	50	2,200
WV	30	30	900	594	89	801
WI	112	75	8,400	1,512	57	4,788
WY	40	57	2,280	274	52	1,186
US 3/	3,210	61.6	197,791	31,060	53.7	107,747

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. 1990 data revised. Alaska not shown. 2/ Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan. 3/ U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.

Honey 1991 1/

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 2/	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	----1,000 Pounds----		Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	20	25	500	65	62	310
AZ	75	50	3,750	750	53	1,988
AR	47	79	3,713	557	55	2,042
CA	520	63	32,760	3,276	54	17,690
CO	50	79	3,950	514	65	2,568
FL	225	83	18,675	1,307	53	9,898
GA	102	42	4,284	129	63	2,699
HI	10	131	1,310	328	58	760
ID	140	46	6,440	1,739	54	3,478
IL	21	52	1,092	393	76	830
IN	21	50	1,050	368	62	651
IA	92	56	5,152	1,133	55	2,834
KS	35	52	1,820	291	60	1,092
KY	7	25	175	88	102	179
LA	40	70	2,800	168	52	1,456
ME	13	42	546	213	66	360
MD	7	25	175	60	117	205
MI	105	73	7,665	2,683	57	4,369
MN	180	91	16,380	2,457	54	8,845
MS	28	36	1,008	71	52	524
MO	28	65	1,820	528	64	1,165
MT	86	92	7,912	1,187	54	4,272
NE	108	67	7,236	1,302	55	3,980
NV	15	54	810	275	114	923
NJ	11	31	341	130	89	303
NM	20	77	1,540	447	56	862
NY	77	62	4,774	1,337	60	2,864
NC	18	58	1,044	167	67	699
ND	215	103	22,145	3,100	56	12,401
OH	48	61	2,928	761	66	1,932
OK	9	70	630	252	86	542
OR	56	46	2,576	721	57	1,468
PA	40	45	1,800	594	65	1,170
SC	11	61	671	107	78	523
SD	225	101	22,725	4,091	54	12,272
TN	14	38	532	106	68	362
TX	140	78	10,920	1,201	55	6,006
UT	45	34	1,530	199	57	872
VT	6	75	450	198	90	405
VA	16	33	528	58	66	348
WA	85	42	3,570	678	55	1,964
WV	26	24	624	287	100	624
WI	110	67	7,370	1,843	55	4,054
WY	41	52	2,132	192	55	1,173
Oth Sts:	12	21	252	103	120	304
3/						
US 4/	3,200	68.8	220,105	36,451	55.9	124,266

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