

Honey



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United States Honey Production Down 6 Percent

Honey production in 1996 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 198 million pounds, down 6 percent from 1995. There were 2.57 million colonies producing honey in 1996, compared with 2.65 million in 1995. Yield per colony averaged 77.2 pounds, down 2.3 pounds from the 79.5 pounds in 1995. Colonies which produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 47.0 million pounds on December 15, 1996, up 11 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Up 31 Percent

Prices for the 1996 crop averaged a record high 89.4 cents per pound, up 31 percent from the previous record price of 68.5 cents in 1995. 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 were higher for all color classes in 1996.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 1995-96

Color Class	Price					
	Coop and Private		Retail		All	
	1995 1/	1996	1995 1/	1996	1995 1/	1996
	Cents per Pound					
Water White,						
Extra White, White:	68.7	89.7	98.9	119.4	69.8	90.7
Extra Light Amber :	64.9	84.1	97.9	116.0	67.5	88.5
Light Amber,						
Amber, Dark Amber :	62.7	82.9	101.1	117.1	66.8	86.7
All Other Honey :						
Area Specialties :	55.6	83.7	130.1	201.5	68.3	97.8
All Honey :	66.4	86.9	100.0	119.4	68.5	89.4

1/ Revised, includes honey produced in 1995 that was sold in 1996.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 1995 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	16	58	928	28	69	640
AZ	52	79	4,108	986	65	2,670
AR	50	60	3,000	900	71	2,130
CA	420	93	39,060	4,687	63	24,608
CO	45	60	2,700	1,404	73	1,971
FL	230	86	19,780	1,780	64	12,659
GA	70	62	4,340	260	71	3,081
HI	8	129	1,032	103	56	578
ID	125	48	6,000	1,020	69	4,140
IL	11	74	814	212	113	920
IN	12	63	756	166	72	544
IA	50	68	3,400	612	77	2,618
KS	17	67	1,139	182	89	1,014
KY	3	44	132	30	102	135
LA	33	119	3,927	275	63	2,474
ME	11	45	495	223	97	480
MD	7	35	245	81	103	252
MI	97	92	8,924	3,570	78	6,961
MN	165	82	13,530	1,218	70	9,471
MS	16	70	1,120	146	68	762
MO	23	67	1,541	308	73	1,125
MT	106	80	8,480	1,781	72	6,106
NE	60	73	4,380	1,402	73	3,197
NV	10	29	290	38	90	261
NJ	8	34	272	57	77	209
NM	19	65	1,235	247	83	1,025
NY	70	75	5,250	2,100	71	3,728
NC	12	52	624	162	84	524
ND	220	108	23,760	3,802	67	15,919
OH	25	62	1,550	930	74	1,147
OK	4	76	304	112	93	283
OR	52	52	2,704	2,488	78	2,109
PA	25	43	1,075	376	73	785
SC	9	90	810	65	126	1,021
SD	240	85	20,400	4,896	71	14,484
TN	5	53	265	87	117	310
TX	84	106	8,904	1,959	67	5,966
UT	32	33	1,056	232	65	686
VT	5	67	335	131	86	288
VA	9	45	405	97	67	271
WA	60	59	3,540	637	57	2,018
WV	13	41	533	48	118	629
WI	73	79	5,767	2,134	70	4,037
WY	38	36	1,368	150	73	999
Oth						
Sts 3/	8	33	264	104	157	414
US 4/	2,648	79.5	210,516	42,226	68.5	144,203

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

2/ Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan.

3/ CT, DE, MA, NH, and RI not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

4/ U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales. Total may not add due to rounding.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value by State and United States, 1996 1/

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony Pounds	Production -- 1,000 Pounds	Stocks Dec 15 2/ Pounds	Average Price per Pound Cents	Value of Production 1,000 Dollars
AL	16	64	1,024	102	86	881
AZ	32	60	1,920	307	84	1,613
AR	40	84	3,360	336	87	2,923
CA	390	70	27,300	4,641	84	22,932
CO	30	74	2,220	1,132	79	1,754
FL	240	105	25,200	2,268	91	22,932
GA	75	68	5,100	306	89	4,539
HI	8	155	1,240	62	80	992
ID	110	45	4,950	1,535	90	4,455
IL	11	74	814	285	130	1,058
IN	9	75	675	412	107	722
IA	58	67	3,886	933	98	3,808
KS	16	51	816	294	96	783
KY	3	60	180	23	127	229
LA	37	106	3,922	784	84	3,294
ME	10	23	230	23	126	290
MD	7	32	224	40	111	249
MI	90	96	8,640	4,320	110	9,504
MN	150	77	11,550	1,617	91	10,511
MS	17	80	1,360	299	85	1,156
MO	22	74	1,628	326	92	1,498
MT	117	60	7,020	1,825	88	6,178
NE	65	75	4,875	1,755	92	4,485
NV	14	61	854	68	105	897
NJ	5	45	225	119	106	239
NM	15	77	1,155	219	94	1,086
NY	68	80	5,440	2,557	88	4,787
NC	12	44	528	53	106	560
ND	230	86	19,780	4,945	90	17,802
OH	24	70	1,680	840	98	1,646
OK	4	59	236	54	107	253
OR	55	59	3,245	1,071	92	2,985
PA	23	46	1,058	370	99	1,047
SC	9	90	810	81	113	915
SD	240	97	23,280	6,751	91	21,185
TN	5	64	320	90	137	438
TX	82	83	6,806	1,361	87	5,921
UT	34	46	1,564	328	85	1,329
VT	4	83	332	93	108	359
VA	7	50	350	119	136	476
WA	57	58	3,306	1,025	89	2,942
WV	10	59	590	207	169	997
WI	69	78	5,382	2,422	83	4,467
WY	40	73	2,920	526	91	2,657
Oth						
Sts 3/	6	31	186	51	155	288
US 4/	2,566	77.2	198,095	46,975	89.4	177,097

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