

HONEY

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Honey production from apiaries with 300 or more colonies in 20 selected honey producing States is expected to total 149 million pounds in 1978, about 44 percent above last year and 28 percent more than in 1976.

The estimated 2.00 million colonies of bees held by the apiaries in 1978 are 1 percent above a year ago. Yield per colony is expected to average 74.6 pounds compared with 52.4 pounds last year and 60.3 pounds in 1976.

Better yields per colony were experienced this year in most of the major producing States. Honey producers in California reported a good to average year and were able to take honey from the "NUKS". In Florida, the orange blossom flow was very good with above average quality reported. In North Dakota, favorable weather and increased acreage in sunflowers and alfalfa contributed to the larger yields. Adequate rainfall in South Dakota produced better than average sweet clover and alfalfa crops.

The late wet spring in Iowa this year reduced sharply their yield per colony.

HONEY PRODUCTION IN APIARIES WITH 300 OR MORE COLONIES IN 20 SELECTED STATES,
1976-78

STATE	COLONIES OF BEES			1978 AS % OF 1977	YIELD PER COLONY			HONEY PRODUCTION			1978 AS % OF 1977
	1976	1977	1978		1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	
	1,000			PERCENT	POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS			PERCENT
ARIZ	47	46	55	120	62	48	53	2,914	2,208	2,915	132
CALIF	410	410	405	99	26	26	62	10,660	10,660	25,110	236
COLO	31	30	30	100	67	74	72	2,077	2,220	2,160	97
FLA	200	210	220	105	95	55	87	19,000	11,550	19,140	166
GA	109	120	115	96	26	32	26	2,834	3,840	2,990	78
IDAHO	101	94	90	96	40	49	46	4,040	4,606	4,140	90
ILL	10	8	6	75	65	52	50	650	416	300	72
IOWA	37	37	36	97	95	92	63	3,515	3,404	2,268	67
MICH	56	54	55	102	57	62	65	3,192	3,348	3,575	107
MINN	120	125	120	96	92	82	95	11,040	10,250	11,400	111
MONT	81	92	91	99	113	58	80	9,153	5,336	7,280	136
NEBR	127	130	130	100	50	49	65	6,350	6,370	8,450	133
N Y	54	52	47	90	49	33	60	2,646	1,716	2,820	164
N C	10	10	9	90	22	55	46	220	550	414	75
N DAK	122	117	155	132	120	88	142	14,640	10,296	22,010	214
OREG	26	30	35	117	36	43	45	936	1,290	1,575	122
S DAK	146	156	168	108	58	58	121	8,468	9,048	20,328	225
TEX	103	106	90	85	59	60	55	6,077	6,360	4,950	78
WASH	73	68	66	97	22	53	50	1,606	3,604	3,300	92
WIS	74	81	80	99	92	79	53	6,808	6,399	4,240	66
20 STATES	1,937	1,976	2,003	101	60.3	52.4	74.6	116,826	103,471	149,365	144