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United States Honey Production Down 16 Percent

Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since 1989, when 181 million pounds was produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 64.8 million pounds on December 15, 2001, down 24 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Up 12 Percent

Prices for the 2001 crop averaged 66.9 cents per pound, up 12 percent from 59.7 cents in 2000. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2001 were higher than the previous year for all marketing channels and all color classes except 'All Other Honey, Area Specialties'.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2000-01

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>					
Water White, Extra White, White	56.3	65.0	114.5	125.4	58.2	66.5
Extra Light Amber	56.0	64.0	121.7	130.7	60.7	66.9
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	49.8	59.8	141.9	152.2	60.1	66.6
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	63.2	59.8	175.2	152.5	92.9	78.7
All Honey	55.1	63.3	130.4	140.6	59.7	66.9

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 2000 ¹**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	16	78	1,248	187	59	736
AZ	40	59	2,360	1,322	73	1,723
AR	55	93	5,115	3,529	57	2,916
CA	440	70	30,800	11,396	59	18,172
CO	29	60	1,740	957	62	1,079
FL	232	105	24,360	2,923	54	13,154
GA	55	57	3,135	376	63	1,975
HI	7	112	784	125	82	643
ID	100	47	4,700	2,679	52	2,444
IL	8	61	488	146	117	571
IN	8	65	520	286	103	536
IA	30	67	2,010	1,206	68	1,367
KS	15	68	1,020	520	91	928
KY	3	48	144	40	135	194
LA	43	94	4,042	1,334	52	2,102
ME	11	21	231	143	75	173
MD	6	46	276	52	114	315
MI	72	75	5,400	2,970	60	3,240
MN	150	90	13,500	3,105	57	7,695
MS	17	72	1,224	649	69	845
MO	23	75	1,725	362	60	1,035
MT	124	88	10,912	4,692	59	6,438
NE	50	87	4,350	2,610	59	2,567
NV	10	35	350	95	145	508
NJ	11	35	385	200	61	235
NM	15	64	960	739	72	691
NY	58	80	4,640	2,274	55	2,552
NC	11	49	539	243	143	771
ND	300	115	34,500	13,800	57	19,665
OH	18	65	1,170	585	79	924
OK	7	35	245	64	126	309
OR	48	51	2,448	1,665	66	1,616
PA	22	45	990	554	76	752
SD	235	121	28,435	12,796	58	16,492
TN	9	61	549	104	143	785
TX	105	79	8,295	2,986	57	4,728
UT	24	41	984	462	60	590
VT	7	59	413	211	68	281
VA	7	42	294	103	150	441
WA	52	54	2,808	1,151	58	1,629
WV	7	54	378	234	122	461
WI	84	90	7,560	4,385	68	5,141
WY	39	93	3,627	798	59	2,140
Oth Sts ^{4 5}	17	40	685	270	173	1,183
US ⁵	2,620	84.1	220,339	85,328	59.7	132,742

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

² Stocks held by producers. ³ Prices weighted by sales. ⁴ CT, DE, MA, NH, RI and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ⁵ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

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AL	14	73	1,022	235	71	726
AZ	43	59	2,537	1,142	78	1,979
AR	58	98	5,655	1,872	66	3,732
CA	425	65	27,625	7,735	67	18,509
CO	26	55	1,430	529	70	1,001
FL	220	100	22,000	3,432	62	13,640
GA	55	57	3,135	188	70	2,195
HI	8	87	696	84	85	592
ID	100	46	4,600	1,610	66	3,036
IL	6	76	456	251	172	784
IN	8	76	608	213	86	523
IA	33	51	1,683	875	73	1,229
KS	13	51	663	530	85	564
KY	3	78	234	94	131	307
LA	45	106	4,770	572	60	2,862
ME	11	20	220	106	70	154
MD	4	46	184	55	172	316
MI	76	60	4,560	2,827	78	3,557
MN	135	81	10,935	1,859	63	6,889
MS	17	66	1,122	224	60	673
MO	25	61	1,525	381	68	1,037
MT	136	102	13,872	4,578	65	9,017
NE	43	48	2,064	1,115	66	1,362
NV	11	50	550	44	201	1,106
NJ	11	34	374	71	82	307
NM	15	70	1,050	525	65	683
NY	53	70	3,710	1,781	68	2,523
NC	11	44	484	145	158	765
ND	280	96	26,880	9,408	65	17,472
OH	16	81	1,296	505	85	1,102
OK	4	47	188	105	141	265
OR	44	44	1,936	1,200	69	1,336
PA	17	57	969	514	87	843
SD	235	65	15,275	12,220	64	9,776
TN	9	59	531	147	137	727
TX	97	79	7,663	1,533	64	4,904
UT	23	38	874	315	65	568
VT	7	81	567	249	91	516
VA	9	52	468	94	117	548
WA	42	52	2,184	917	67	1,463
WV	7	65	455	410	155	705
WI	67	81	5,427	3,419	76	4,125
WY	38	77	2,926	468	63	1,843
Oth Sts ^{4,5}	13	40	523	173	153	799
US ⁵	2,513	74.0	185,926	64,750	66.9	127,060

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