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## United States Honey Production Down 11 Percent

Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005. There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

## Honey Prices Up 14 Percent

Honey 2006 prices increased to 104.2 cents, up 14 percent from 91.8 cents in 2005. 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. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2006 were up from the previous year for all color class totals.

**Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2005-06**

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>					
Water White, Extra White, White	82.7	93.9	181.3	179.4	87.3	97.3
Extra Light Amber	79.8	95.7	176.0	167.8	92.2	103.9
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	77.2	88.3	180.8	200.1	97.0	108.4
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	95.5	154.9	269.0	244.3	110.7	176.1
All Honey	81.2	93.7	181.4	191.0	91.8	104.2

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,  
and Value by State and United States, 2005<sup>1 2</sup>**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>3</sup>	Average Price per Pound <sup>4</sup>	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	13	66	858	266	110	944
AZ	36	50	1,800	720	105	1,890
AR	36	69	2,484	571	83	2,062
CA	400	75	30,000	9,300	84	25,200
CO	28	70	1,960	902	97	1,901
FL	160	86	13,760	2,477	86	11,834
GA	59	49	2,891	434	89	2,573
HI	9	131	1,179	283	143	1,686
ID	95	37	3,515	1,793	80	2,812
IL	8	85	680	408	186	1,265
IN	8	64	512	189	122	625
IA	28	88	2,464	1,232	122	3,006
KS	16	50	800	328	109	872
KY	5	50	250	40	208	520
LA	35	97	3,395	611	72	2,444
ME	8	26	208	193	166	345
MI	65	68	4,420	2,519	96	4,243
MN	120	74	8,880	1,598	79	7,015
MS	16	80	1,280	346	67	858
MO	15	50	750	180	122	915
MT	130	67	8,710	3,136	83	7,229
NE	40	68	2,720	2,530	82	2,230
NV	12	46	552	442	311	1,717
NJ	12	32	384	104	121	465
NM	7	49	343	113	103	353
NY	60	73	4,380	2,321	138	6,044
NC	10	54	540	146	188	1,015
ND	370	91	33,670	8,418	82	27,609
OH	15	69	1,035	580	142	1,470
OR	39	42	1,638	557	107	1,753
PA	28	56	1,568	800	113	1,772
SD	220	79	17,380	11,818	79	13,730
TN	7	55	385	92	170	655
TX	84	71	5,964	954	87	5,189
UT	23	45	1,035	331	102	1,056
VT	6	91	546	169	112	612
VA	8	37	296	59	222	657
WA	51	55	2,805	1,935	102	2,861
WV	8	51	408	102	130	530
WI	64	83	5,312	2,922	119	6,321
WY	40	56	2,240	291	85	1,904
Oth Sts <sup>5 6</sup>	19	43	821	268	274	2,246
US <sup>6</sup>	2,413	72.4	174,818	62,478	91.8	160,428

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<sup>2</sup> Revised.

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AL	11	72	792	230	146	1,156
AZ	30	65	1,950	839	139	2,711
AR	32	76	2,432	730	105	2,554
CA	380	52	19,760	7,706	98	19,365
CO	36	75	2,700	1,458	139	3,753
FL	170	81	13,770	1,790	101	13,908
GA	63	74	4,662	746	116	5,408
HI	10	93	930	233	119	1,107
ID	95	44	4,180	2,592	86	3,595
IL	10	66	660	356	188	1,241
IN	6	54	324	107	151	489
IA	26	84	2,184	1,441	115	2,512
KS	14	55	770	246	140	1,078
KY	5	56	280	70	220	616
LA	30	90	2,700	675	89	2,403
ME	11	23	253	86	200	506
MI	72	55	3,960	2,099	128	5,069
MN	125	80	10,000	3,300	89	8,900
MS	14	98	1,372	453	105	1,441
MO	15	46	690	117	149	1,028
MT	132	79	10,428	1,981	100	10,428
NE	47	73	3,431	3,843	104	3,568
NV	9	37	333	50	355	1,182
NJ	9	36	324	152	115	373
NM	7	48	336	104	96	323
NY	60	64	3,840	2,458	138	5,299
NC	10	50	500	215	156	780
ND	350	74	25,900	7,770	90	23,310
OH	14	56	784	282	145	1,137
OR	46	48	2,208	729	111	2,451
PA	28	40	1,120	605	161	1,803
SD	225	47	10,575	10,575	82	8,672
TN	7	55	385	58	184	708
TX	82	70	5,740	976	87	4,994
UT	23	50	1,150	265	105	1,208
VT	6	56	336	144	121	407
VA	8	42	336	114	219	736
WA	49	52	2,548	1,605	119	3,032
WV	5	42	210	57	195	410
WI	64	93	5,952	2,500	114	6,785
WY	39	85	3,315	497	88	2,917
Oth Sts <sup>4,5</sup>	17	43	726	274	269	1,951
US <sup>5</sup>	2,392	64.7	154,846	60,528	104.2	161,314

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