

HONEY

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Apiaries with 300 or more colonies:

- Number of Colonies
- Average Yield per Colony
- Honey Production

Honey production from commercial apiaries with 300 or more colonies in the 20 major honey producing States is expected to total 106 million pounds in 1976, about 1 percent below last year but 5 percent more than the 1974 production.

The colonies of bees held by the commercial apiaries in 1976 are estimated at 1.8 million compared with 1.7 million a year ago. Partially offsetting the increased colony numbers from last year was a decrease in the per colony production. Yield per colony is expected to average 57.6 pounds, 7 percent below the 1975 average and 4 percent below 1974.

California production is expected to be about 16.6 million pounds, 15 percent below a year earlier. The extremely dry conditions reduced yields which more than offset the increase in colony numbers. Favorable conditions existed in Florida and honey production is expected to be 24 percent more than last year.

This preliminary report contains estimates of expected honey production in 20 major States from commercial apiaries with 300 or more colonies. Commercial apiaries produced about 55 percent of all honey in 1975.

HONEY: COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION IN APIARIES WITH 300 OR MORE COLONIES IN
20 MAJOR STATES, 1974-1976

| STATE | COLONIES OF BEES | | | | YIELD PER COLONY | | | HONEY PRODUCTION | | | |
|-----------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|------------------|------|------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | AS % OF 1975 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | AS % OF 1975 |
| | 1,000 | | | PERCENT | POUNDS | | | 1,000 POUNDS | | | PERCENT |
| ARIZ | 43 | 47 | 46 | 98 | 57 | 45 | 59 | 2,451 | 2,115 | 2,714 | 128 |
| CALIF | 385 | 390 | 425 | 109 | 48 | 50 | 39 | 18,480 | 19,500 | 16,575 | 85 |
| COLO | 31 | 30 | 31 | 103 | 85 | 73 | 67 | 2,635 | 2,190 | 2,077 | 95 |
| FLA | 136 | 132 | 135 | 102 | 58 | 80 | 97 | 7,888 | 10,560 | 13,095 | 124 |
| GA | 70 | 72 | 85 | 118 | 25 | 44 | 25 | 1,750 | 3,168 | 2,125 | 67 |
| IDAHO | 93 | 96 | 101 | 105 | 64 | 44 | 33 | 5,952 | 4,224 | 3,333 | 79 |
| ILL | 10 | 10 | 8 | 80 | 70 | 42 | 65 | 700 | 420 | 520 | 124 |
| IOWA | 36 | 37 | 43 | 116 | 103 | 90 | 83 | 3,708 | 3,330 | 3,569 | 107 |
| MICH | 58 | 57 | 57 | 100 | 47 | 55 | 50 | 2,726 | 3,135 | 2,850 | 91 |
| MINN | 105 | 105 | 120 | 114 | 75 | 85 | 83 | 7,875 | 8,925 | 9,960 | 112 |
| MONT | 77 | 75 | 83 | 111 | 89 | 95 | 112 | 6,833 | 7,125 | 9,296 | 130 |
| NEBR | 123 | 126 | 127 | 101 | 84 | 51 | 53 | 10,332 | 6,426 | 6,731 | 105 |
| N Y | 54 | 49 | 54 | 110 | 58 | 63 | 43 | 3,132 | 3,087 | 2,322 | 75 |
| N C | 7 | 7 | 8 | 114 | 52 | 64 | 41 | 364 | 448 | 328 | 73 |
| N DAK | 75 | 82 | 91 | 111 | 80 | 94 | 110 | 6,000 | 7,708 | 10,010 | 130 |
| OREG | 23 | 21 | 26 | 124 | 48 | 45 | 34 | 1,104 | 945 | 884 | 94 |
| S DAK | 138 | 150 | 146 | 97 | 50 | 71 | 47 | 6,900 | 10,650 | 6,862 | 64 |
| TEX | 100 | 104 | 120 | 115 | 61 | 72 | 45 | 6,100 | 7,488 | 5,400 | 72 |
| WASH | 75 | 77 | 73 | 95 | 34 | 37 | 28 | 2,550 | 2,849 | 2,044 | 72 |
| WIS | 52 | 66 | 69 | 105 | 72 | 45 | 82 | 3,744 | 2,970 | 5,658 | 191 |
| 20 STATES | 1,691 | 1,733 | 1,848 | 107 | 59.9 | 62.0 | 57.6 | 101,244 | 107,263 | 106,353 | 99 |