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## United States Honey Production Down 7 Percent

Honey production in 1999 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 205 million pounds, down 7 percent from 1998. There were 2.69 million colonies producing honey in 1999, up 2 percent from 1998. Yield per colony averaged 76.3 pounds, down 7.4 pounds from the 83.7 pounds in 1998. Colonies which produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 79.4 million pounds on December 15, 1999, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

## Honey Prices Down 8 Percent

Prices for the 1999 crop averaged 59.9 cents per pound, down 8 percent from 65.5 cents in 1998. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the State level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Coop and Private prices were lower for all color classes in 1999.

**Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 1998-99**

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>					
Water White, Extra White, White	64.7	59.5	113.4	123.4	65.7	60.5
Extra Light Amber	61.2	55.1	104.8	124.5	64.2	59.8
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	60.2	51.2	119.9	129.1	66.0	59.0
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	64.5	61.7	168.4	150.3	83.2	73.7
All Honey	62.9	56.1	114.7	126.6	65.5	59.9

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,  
and Value by State and United States, 1998 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average Price per Pound <sup>3</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	16	71	1,136	159	72	818
AZ	55	60	3,300	1,485	64	2,112
AR	53	65	3,445	1,688	59	2,033
CA	450	83	37,350	12,326	62	23,157
CO	27	72	1,944	1,594	70	1,361
FL	230	98	22,540	4,508	64	14,426
GA	75	56	4,200	307	69	2,898
HI	8	118	944	66	75	708
ID	120	50	6,000	2,220	65	3,900
IL	9	71	639	204	119	760
IN	9	92	828	489	85	704
IA	50	78	3,900	2,301	70	2,730
KS	16	46	736	390	87	640
KY	3	50	150	51	140	210
LA	41	111	4,551	865	59	2,685
ME	10	26	260	117	69	179
MD	7	44	308	92	110	339
MI	80	85	6,800	3,672	66	4,488
MN	140	79	11,060	2,765	65	7,189
MS	18	86	1,548	898	58	898
MO	23	66	1,518	455	76	1,154
MT	115	122	14,030	5,472	64	8,979
NE	64	70	4,480	2,240	86	3,853
NV	10	46	460	175	165	759
NJ	11	49	539	167	76	410
NM	14	55	770	470	76	585
NY	65	80	5,200	2,444	70	3,640
NC	8	59	472	151	138	651
ND	230	128	29,440	8,832	63	18,547
OH	18	78	1,404	702	83	1,165
OK	4	51	204	63	124	253
OR	50	45	2,250	1,620	90	2,025
PA	23	66	1,518	698	80	1,214
SD	225	95	21,375	10,901	64	13,680
TN	7	64	448	121	132	591
TX	91	77	7,007	1,612	62	4,344
UT	30	58	1,740	557	65	1,131
VT	6	64	384	207	85	326
VA	8	37	296	86	133	394
WA	58	51	2,958	1,361	64	1,893
WV	6	55	330	155	114	376
WI	89	91	8,099	5,264	72	5,831
WY	46	60	2,760	524	68	1,877
Oth Sts <sup>4</sup>	15	66	995	334	135	1,341
US <sup>5</sup>	2,633	83.7	220,316	80,808	65.5	147,254

<sup>1</sup> For producers with 5 or more colonies. <sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers. <sup>3</sup> Prices weighted by sales. <sup>4</sup> CT, DE, MA, NH, RI and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. <sup>5</sup> U.S. colonies multiplied by U.S. yield may not exactly equal U.S. production.

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AL	17	68	1,156	185	56	647
AZ	52	62	3,224	1,548	62	1,999
AR	52	89	4,628	2,592	53	2,453
CA	505	60	30,300	10,302	53	16,059
CO	27	76	2,052	1,436	68	1,395
FL	228	102	23,256	4,186	53	12,326
GA	65	51	3,315	497	64	2,122
HI	8	80	640	32	78	499
ID	120	48	5,760	3,110	59	3,398
IL	9	66	594	327	115	683
IN	10	81	810	437	90	729
IA	40	65	2,600	2,028	65	1,690
KS	13	67	871	854	111	967
KY	3	50	150	12	124	186
LA	48	114	5,472	821	49	2,681
ME	14	22	308	89	83	256
MD	6	46	276	50	164	453
MI	73	85	6,205	3,475	66	4,095
MN	145	82	11,890	3,210	61	7,253
MS	18	73	1,314	591	54	710
MO	24	65	1,560	437	68	1,061
MT	122	70	8,540	2,135	60	5,124
NE	58	77	4,466	1,965	61	2,724
NV	9	45	383	257	154	590
NJ	10	44	440	154	57	251
NM	15	52	780	476	77	601
NY	69	70	4,830	2,077	66	3,188
NC	9	46	414	104	162	671
ND	255	105	26,775	8,836	59	15,797
OH	20	74	1,480	784	72	1,066
OK	6	45	270	49	134	362
OR	45	57	2,565	2,026	80	2,052
PA	25	60	1,500	705	76	1,140
SD	224	104	23,296	13,046	60	13,978
TN	8	51	408	106	130	530
TX	108	81	8,748	2,799	64	5,599
UT	26	45	1,170	433	68	796
VT	6	66	396	222	63	249
VA	7	35	245	86	117	287
WA	52	50	2,600	1,170	60	1,560
WV	6	39	234	152	109	255
WI	80	75	6,000	4,560	68	4,080
WY	37	72	2,664	746	61	1,625
Oth Sts <sup>4</sup>	14	46	643	254	192	1,235
US <sup>5</sup>	2,688	76.3	205,228	79,361	59.9	125,422

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