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Commercial Production  
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Honey production from commercial apiaries with 300 or more colonies in the 20 major honey producing States is expected to total 101 million pounds in 1977, about 8 percent below last year and 7 percent less than in 1975.

The estimated 1.8 million colonies of bees held by the commercial apiarists in 1977 are 1 percent below a year ago. Yield per colony is expected to average 55.3 pounds compared with 59.7 pounds last year and 62.1 pounds in 1975.

Florida honey flow was reported to be the worst in several decades reflecting the unseasonable cold that shortened the citrus bloom in February. The dry weather experienced in Iowa this past summer reduced the yield per colony sharply from last year. Because of the continual drought in California, supplemental feeding of colonies on a part-time basis has been necessary since last spring.

HONEY: COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION IN APIARIES WITH 300 OR MORE COLONIES IN  
20 MAJOR STATES, 1975 - 1977

STATE	COLONIES OF BEES			1977	YIELD PER COLONY			HONEY PRODUCTION			1977
	1975	1976	1977	AS % OF 1976	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	AS % OF 1976
	1,000			PERCENT	POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS			PERCENT
ARIZ	47	47	44	94	45	62	52	2,115	2,914	2,288	79
CALIF	390	410	390	95	50	26	29	19,500	10,660	11,310	106
COLO	30	31	30	97	73	67	70	2,190	2,077	2,100	101
FLA	132	137	138	101	80	95	59	10,560	13,015	8,142	63
GA	72	78	74	95	44	26	34	3,168	2,028	2,516	124
IDAHO	96	101	96	95	44	40	49	4,224	4,040	4,704	116
ILL	10	10	9	90	42	65	55	420	650	495	76
IOWA	37	37	40	108	90	95	68	3,330	3,515	2,720	77
MICH	57	56	54	96	55	57	65	3,135	3,192	3,510	110
MINN	105	120	118	98	85	92	84	8,925	11,040	9,912	90
MONT	75	81	92	114	95	113	55	7,125	9,153	5,060	55
NEBR	126	127	137	108	51	50	50	6,426	6,350	6,850	108
N Y	49	54	52	96	63	49	42	3,087	2,646	2,184	83
N C	7	10	9	90	64	22	63	448	220	567	258
N DAK	95	122	118	97	94	120	96	8,930	14,640	11,328	77
OREG	21	26	26	100	45	36	42	945	936	1,092	117
S DAK	150	146	150	103	71	58	61	10,650	8,468	9,150	108
TEX	104	103	106	103	72	59	70	7,488	6,077	7,420	122
WASH	77	73	65	89	37	22	50	2,849	1,606	3,250	202
WIS	66	74	83	112	45	92	81	2,970	6,808	6,723	99
20 STATES	1,746	1,843	1,831	99	62.1	59.7	55.3	108,485	110,035	101,321	92