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## Bee and Honey Report



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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey* conducted during the first half of January, 2007. The data are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above and a more detailed U.S. report is available on the NASS web site at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for the survey.

### 2006 Arkansas Honey Production Down 2 Percent

Honey production during 2006 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2005. The state ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation for honey production compared to a 2005 rank of 16<sup>th</sup>. There were 32,000 colonies producing honey in 2006, down 11 percent from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 76 pounds, up 7 pounds from 2005. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2006, were 730,000 pounds up 28 percent. Honey prices increased to \$1.05 per pound in 2006 from \$0.83 per pound in 2005. The value of production totaled \$2.55 million, up 8 percent from the previous year.

#### Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield , Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Arkansas and U. S., 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2005	2006	% Change from '05	2005	2006	% Change from '05
Honey Producing Colonies <sup>2</sup>	1,000	36	32	- 11	2,413	2,392	- 1
Yield per Colony	Pounds	69	76	10	72.4	64.7	- 11
Production	1,000 Pounds	2,484	2,432	- 2	174,818	154,846	- 11
Stocks on December 15 <sup>3</sup>	1,000 Pounds	571	730	28	62,478	60,528	- 3
Average Price per Pound <sup>4</sup>	Dollars	0.83	1.05	27	0.918	1.042	14
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	2,062	2,554	24	160,428	161,314	1

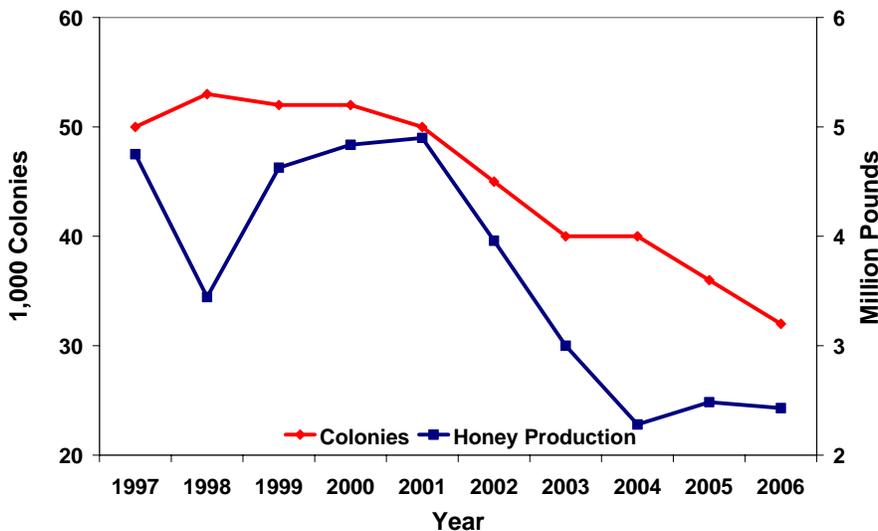
<sup>1</sup>For producers with 5 or more colonies.

<sup>2</sup>Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state.

<sup>3</sup>Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

<sup>4</sup>Prices weighted by sales.

#### Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Arkansas, 1997-2006

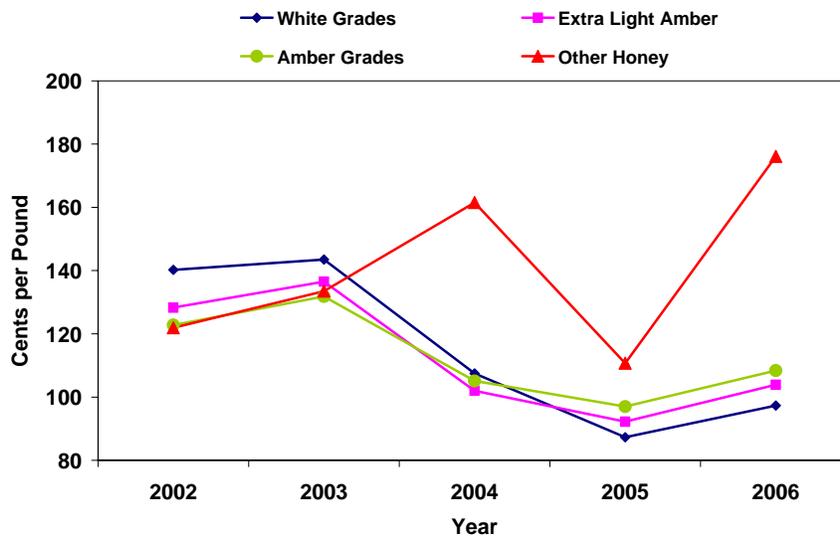


# Honey Price by Color Class, United States, 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-Operative and Private			Retail			All Sales		
	2005	2006	% Change from '05	2005	2006	% Change from '05	2005	2006	% Change from '05
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
<b>All Honey</b>	81.2	93.7	15	181.4	191.0	5	91.8	104.2	14
Water White, Extra White, and White	82.7	93.9	14	181.3	179.4	- 1	87.3	97.3	11
Extra Light Amber	79.8	95.7	20	176.0	167.8	- 5	92.2	103.9	13
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	77.2	88.3	14	180.8	200.1	11	97.0	108.4	12
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	95.5	154.9	62	269.0	244.3	- 9	110.7	176.1	59

<sup>1</sup>Prices by color classes are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel.

## All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 1997-2006



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