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This report contains the results from the January 2008, *Bee and Honey Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and for more detailed U.S. statistics, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for the survey.

2007 Arkansas Honey Production Down 8 Percent

Honey production during 2007 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.2 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2006. The state ranked 15th in the nation for honey production compared to a 2006 rank of 18th. There were 28,000 colonies producing honey in 2007, down 13 percent from the previous year, continuing the historic decline in Arkansas colonies. Yield per colony averaged 80 pounds, up 4 pounds from 2006. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2007, were 717,000 pounds down 2 percent. Honey prices increased to \$0.95 per pound in 2007 from \$0.91 per pound in 2006. The value of production totaled \$2.13 million, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Arkansas and U. S., 2006-2007¹

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2006	2007	% Change from '06	2006	2007	% Change from '06
Honey Producing Colonies ²	1,000	32	28	- 13	2,393	2,442	+ 2
Yield per Colony	Pounds	76	80	+ 5	64.7	60.8	- 6
Production	1,000 Pounds	2,432	2,240	- 8	154,907	148,482	- 4
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 Pounds	730	717	- 2	60,548	52,484	- 13
Average Price per Pound ⁴	Dollars	0.91	0.95	+ 4	1.036	1.032	-
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	2,213	2,128	- 4	160,484	153,233	- 5

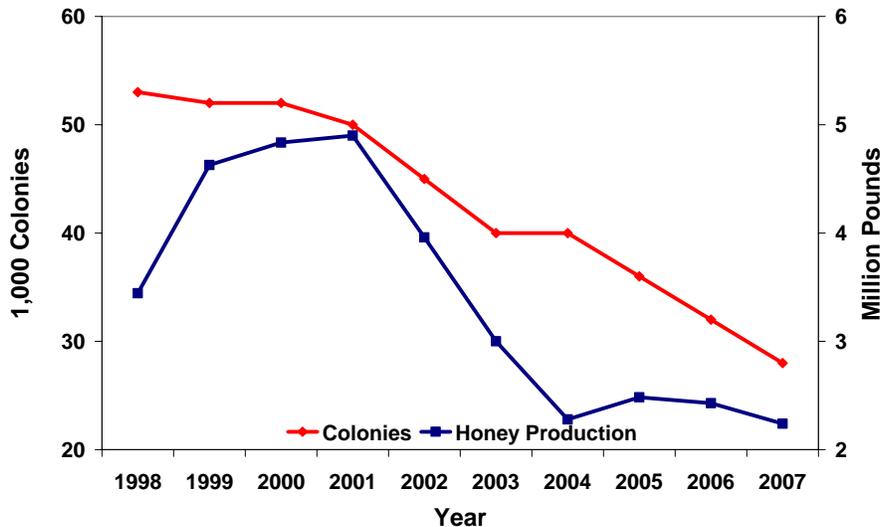
¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

² Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state.

³ Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

⁴ Prices weighted by sales.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Arkansas, 1998-2007



Honey Price by Color Class, United States, 2006-2007¹

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-Operative and Private			Retail			All Sales		
	2006	2007	% Change from '06	2006	2007	% Change from '06	2006	2007	% Change from '06
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>			<i>Cents per Pound</i>			<i>Cents per Pound</i>		
All Honey	94.0	95.6	+ 2	192.0	196.1	+ 2	103.6	103.2	- <0.5
Water White, Extra White, and White	97.0	96.6	- 0.4	175.6	167.7	- 5	99.9	98.4	- 1
Extra Light Amber	94.0	95.1	+ 1	176.0	178.5	+ 1	104.0	102.3	- 2
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	86.7	92.7	+ 7	201.7	207.5	+ 3	106.3	109.1	+ 3
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	114.0	135.6	+ 19	231.9	289.3	+ 25	163.2	174.4	+ 7

¹ Prices by color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel.

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2003-2007

