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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the December 2007 Bee and Honey Inquiry. Total Honey production, yield per colony and average price per pound are reported for Idaho and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Idaho Honey Production Decreased 10 Percent

Idaho honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.77 million pounds, a 10 percent decrease from 2006, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Honey producing colonies are estimated at 92,000 colonies, down 3,000 colonies from last year. Yield per colony averaged 41 pounds, down 3 pounds from 2006. Producer honey stocks were 1.85 million pounds on December 15, 2007, a decrease of 29 percent from the previous year. The average honey price per pound is \$1.08, up 8 cents from a year ago.

U.S. honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006.

Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2006 crop reflect honey sold in 2006 and 2007.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2006-2007

Color Class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Cents Per Pounds</i>		<i>Cents Per Pounds</i>		<i>Cents Per Pounds</i>	
Water White, Extra White, White	97.0	96.6	175.6	167.7	99.9	98.4
Extra Light Amber	94.0	95.1	176.0	178.5	104.0	102.3
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	86.7	92.7	201.7	207.5	106.3	109.1
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	114.0	135.6	231.9	289.3	163.2	174.4
All Honey	94.0	95.6	192.0	196.1	103.6	103.2

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**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 2007^{1/}**

State	Honey Producing Colonies ^{2/}	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ^{3/}	Average Price per Pound ^{4/}	Value of Production ^{5/}
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>--1,000 Pounds--</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Alabama	11	56	616	209	141	869
Arizona	30	64	1,920	902	118	2,266
Arkansas	28	80	2,240	717	95	2,128
California	340	40	13,600	3,672	104	14,144
Colorado	33	51	1,683	892	112	1,885
Florida	160	71	11,360	1,363	99	11,246
Georgia	60	58	3,480	522	114	3,967
Hawaii	10	92	920	285	158	1,454
Idaho	92	41	3,772	1,848	108	4,074
Illinois	9	63	567	374	240	1,361
Indiana	7	51	357	100	139	496
Iowa	26	81	2,106	1,221	126	2,654
Kansas	14	40	560	196	112	627
Kentucky	4	61	244	54	208	508
Louisiana	29	89	2,581	413	108	2,787
Maine	9	26	234	59	139	325
Michigan	72	64	4,608	2,350	114	5,253
Minnesota	130	68	8,840	2,564	99	8,752
Mississippi	15	105	1,575	189	90	1,418
Missouri	13	47	611	141	105	642
Montana	135	68	9,180	2,203	94	8,629
Nebraska	45	49	2,205	1,477	98	2,161
Nevada	10	28	280	67	360	1,008
New Jersey	9	57	513	185	217	1,113
New Mexico	6	59	354	138	136	481
New York	56	57	3,192	1,947	142	4,533
North Carolina	11	45	495	69	225	1,114
North Dakota	420	74	31,080	9,013	92	28,594
Ohio	14	61	854	376	175	1,495
Oregon	44	43	1,892	1,041	121	2,289
Pennsylvania	25	42	1,050	326	163	1,712
South Dakota	255	52	13,260	10,608	93	12,332
Tennessee	7	65	455	114	195	887
Texas	105	82	8,610	1,550	95	8,180
Utah	25	39	975	224	112	1,092
Vermont	5	64	320	96	126	403
Virginia	6	46	276	63	235	649
Washington	46	44	2,024	648	125	2,530
West Virginia	5	48	240	79	196	470
Wisconsin	60	84	5,040	3,024	115	5,796
Wyoming	43	80	3,440	894	103	3,543
Other States ^{6/ 7/}	18	49	873	271	253	2,209
US ^{7/ 8/}	2,442	60.8	148,482	52,484	103.2	153,233

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. 2/ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. 3/ Stocks held by producers. 4/ Average price per pound based on expanded sales. 5/ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound. 6/ CT, DE, MD, MA, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 7/ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. 8/ Summation of States will not equal U.S. level value of production.

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