



Bees and Honey

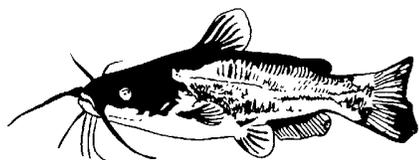
Honey production from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies during 2006 totaled 2.7 million pounds, 20 percent below the 2005 level. Producers harvested honey from 30,000 colonies. Production per colony averaged 90 pounds.

Prices from the 2006 honey crop averaged \$0.89 per pound, up \$0.17 from 2005. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. Louisiana producers had 675,000 pounds of honey in stock on December 15, 2006, compared with 611,000 pounds on hand the previous year.

Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks and Value: Louisiana, 2003-2006

Year	Number of Colonies	Average Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 th	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	---1,000---	---Pounds---	-----1,000 Pounds-----		---Cents---	---\$1,000---
2003	34	90	3,060	275	124.0	3,794
2004	35	98	3,430	240	78.0	2,675
2005	35	97	3,395	611	72.0	2,444
2006	30	90	2,700	675	89.0	2,403

Catfish



Louisiana continues to rank fourth in the nation in foodsize catfish production, water surface acres and total sales of catfish. Mississippi leads the nation in foodsize catfish production, followed by Alabama and Arkansas.

There were 20 commercial catfish operations in the state on January 1, 2007, down from 28 on January 1, 2006. These farms operated 6,300 water acres, down 300 acres from the same time in 2006.

Total sales of catfish in Louisiana for the year 2006 were \$12.6 million, down 15 percent from sales in 2005. Of this amount, 99.5 percent was from sales of foodsize catfish. Farmers sold 15.7 million pounds of foodsize catfish in 2006 compared to 21.1 million pounds in 2005. Sales in 2006 averaged 80 cents per pound, up 10 cents from 2005.

Catfish data come from the January 1, 2007, Catfish Grower's Survey. This survey is conducted every January; a similar survey is conducted every July.