

# bees and honey

U.S. honey production totaled 155 million pounds in 2006, down 11 percent from 2005. Honey prices, however, increased 14 percent during 2006 to an average \$1.04 per pound. Maryland honey production is no longer published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.



## *Maryland Honey: Production, Colonies, Stocks, and Value<sup>1</sup>*

Year	Number of Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
2002	3	46	138	21	1.96	270
2003	2	42	84	21	1.93	162
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<sup>1</sup> For Producers with 5 or more colonies.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan.

<sup>3</sup> Data not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

# aquaculture

According to USDA's 2005 Census of Aquaculture, sales of aquatic products in Maryland in 2005 topped \$7.29 million. The greatest value of sales was reported by 11 freshwater aquaculture farms, which produce a variety of foodfish, sportfish, baitfish and ornamental species.

Production on these farms was valued at \$4.32 million. The largest number of producers sold crustaceans, with 70 operators reporting sales of \$2.78 million. Nearly all of these producers raise soft-shell crabs. An additional five producers reported sales of mollusks (clams and oysters) at a combined value of \$196,000.

## *2005 Aquaculture Production and Sales*

Description	Number of Farms	Acres	Sales(\$)
			<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
<b>Freshwater species</b>	11	155	4,316
<b>Saltwater species</b>	75 <sup>1</sup>	238	2,976
<b>Crustaceans</b>	70		2,780
<b>Mollusks</b>	6		196
<b>Total</b>	86 <sup>1</sup>	393	7,292

<sup>1</sup> Finfish include hybrid striped bass, trout, tilapia, largemouth bass, bluegill, and minnows.