

Honey Production, 2005

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Honey production for 2005 by producers with 5 or more hives totaled 1,568,000 pounds. Honey producers took honey from 28,000 colonies, with an average yield of 56 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 800,000 pounds.

Honey producers received an average price of \$1.05 per pound for the 2005 crop.

The 2005 honey production is valued at 1,646,000 dollars. Pennsylvania ranks 22nd in the nation for honey production.

A sample of honey producers were surveyed in December for information on number of colonies, honey production, honey stocks on hand for sale, and prices received for honey sold.



Pennsylvania: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 1980-2005 ¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies <i>1,000</i>	Yield Per Colony <i>Pounds</i>	Production <i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	Average Price Per Pound ² <i>Cents</i>	Value of Production ³ <i>1,000 Dols.</i>	Stocks Dec 15 ⁴ <i>1,000 Lbs.</i>
1980	80	41	3,280	70	2,296	1,181
1986 ⁵	50	32	1,600	55	880	624
1990	41	28	1,148	67	769	379
1995	25	43	1,075	73	785	376
1996	23	46	1,058	102	1,079	370
1997	22	48	1,056	100	1,056	528
1998	26	66	1,716	80	1,373	789
1999	28	60	1,680	76	1,277	790
2000	25	45	1,125	76	855	630
2001	26	57	1,482	87	1,363	785
2002	29	57	1,653	134	2,215	827
2003	27	50	1,350	144	1,944	419
2004	30	54	1,620	142	2,300	810
2005	28	56	1,568	105	1,646	800

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. ² Prices weighed by sales. ³ Value of production based on final State marketing year average price. ⁴ Stocks held by producers. ⁵ Survey discontinued after 1981 and reinstated in 1986.

Pennsylvania and Major States: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 2005 ¹

State	Honey Producing Colonies <i>1,000</i>	Yield Per Colony <i>Pounds</i>	Production <i>1,000 Pounds</i>	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Value of Production ³ <i>1,000 Dols.</i>
CA	400	75	30,000	9,300	25,200
FL	160	86	13,760	2,477	11,971
GA	59	49	2,891	434	2,428
ID	95	37	3,515	1,793	2,812
IA	28	88	2,464	1,232	2,415
LA	35	97	3,395	611	2,410
MI	65	68	4,420	2,519	4,376
MN	120	74	8,880	1,598	7,370
MT	130	67	8,710	3,136	6,968
NE	40	68	2,720	2,530	2,421
NY	60	73	4,380	2,321	5,344
ND	370	91	33,670	8,418	27,273
PA	28	56	1,568	800	1,646
SD	220	79	17,380	11,818	13,209
TX	84	71	5,964	954	5,069
WI	64	83	5,312	2,922	6,056
Oth Sts ⁴	18	44	786	261	2,184
U. S. Total	2,410	72.5	174,643	62,406	157,795

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