

Honey Production, 2006

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Honey production for 2006 by producers with 5 or more colonies totaled 1,120,000 pounds, down 29 percent from 2005. Honey producers took honey from 28,000 colonies, with an average yield of 40 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 605,000 pounds, 24 percent less than the previous year.

Honey producers received an average price of \$1.61 per pound for the 2006 crop.

Total value of honey produced in 2006 honey is estimated at 1,803,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production. Pennsylvania is ranked 24th in the nation for honey production for 2006.

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, 1980-2006 ¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound ²	Value of Production ³	Stocks Dec 15 ⁴
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dols.</i>	<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
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	113	1,772	800
2006	28	40	1,120	161	1,803	605

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, 2006 ¹

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Value of Production ³
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Dols.</i>
CA	380	52	19,760	7,706	19,365
FL	170	81	13,770	1,790	13,908
GA	63	74	4,662	746	5,408
ID	95	44	4,180	2,592	3,595
IA	26	84	2,184	1,441	2,512
LA	30	90	2,700	675	2,403
MI	72	55	3,960	2,099	5,069
MN	125	80	10,000	3,300	8,900
MT	132	79	10,428	1,981	10,428
NE	47	73	3,431	3,843	3,568
NY	60	73	4,380	2,321	5,344
ND	350	74	25,900	7,770	23,310
PA	28	40	1,120	605	1,803
SD	220	79	17,380	11,818	13,209
TX	82	70	5,740	976	4,994
WI	64	93	5,952	2,500	6,785
Oth Sts ⁴	17	43	726	269	1,951
U. S. Total	2,392	64.7	154,846	60,528	161,314

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