



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS HONEY PRODUCTION  
DOWN 32 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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AUSTIN . . . Texas beekeepers produced 5.96 million pounds of honey during 2005, down 32 percent from 2004.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the total value of Texas honey production was \$5.07 million, down 39 percent from the previous year. Producers averaged 85 cents per pound of honey, down 10 cents from 2004.

The total number of bee colonies producing honey in Texas, at 84,000 , was down 28 percent from a year ago; production per colony averaged 71 pounds, compared with 76 pounds a year ago.

Nationally, honey production totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. During 2005 there were 2.41 million colonies producing honey, down 6 percent from 2004. Production per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, compared with 71.8 pounds a year ago.

Total value of United States honey production was \$157.8 million, a decline of 20 percent from 2004. The average value was 90.4 cents per pound.

North Dakota was the leading honey producing state in 2005 with 33.7 million pounds. California came in second with 30.0 million pounds followed by South Dakota with 17.4 million pounds and Florida with 13.8 million pounds. Texas ranked sixth in honey production.