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UP 50 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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AUSTIN . . . Texas beekeepers produced 8.6 million pounds of honey during 2007, up 50 percent from 2006.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the total value of Texas honey production was \$8.2 million, up 57 percent from the previous year. Producers received an average of 95 cents per pound for honey, up 4 cents from 2006.

The total number of bee colonies producing honey in Texas, at 105,000, was up 28 percent from a year ago; production per colony averaged 82 pounds, compared with 70 pounds a year ago.

Nationally, honey production totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. During 2007 there were 2.44 million colonies producing honey, up 2 percent from 2006. Production per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, compared with 64.7 pounds a year ago.

Total value of United States honey production was \$153.2 million, a 5 percent decrease from 2006. The average value was 103.2 cents per pound.

North Dakota was the leading honey producing state in 2007 with 31.1 million pounds. California came in second with 13.6 million pounds followed by South Dakota with 13.3 million pounds and Florida with 11.4 million pounds. Texas ranked seventh in honey production.