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DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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AUSTIN . . . Texas beekeepers produced 4.7 million pounds of honey during 2009, down 5 percent from 2008.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the total value of Texas honey production was \$6.4 million, down 3 percent from the previous year. Producers received an average of 138 cents per pound for honey, up 4 cents from 2008.

The total number of bee colonies producing honey in Texas, at 74, was down 4 percent from a year ago; production per colony averaged 63 pounds, compared with 64 pounds a year ago.

Nationally, honey production totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. During 2009 there were 2.46 million colonies producing honey, up 5 percent from 2008. Production per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, compared with 69.9 pounds a year ago.

Total value of United States honey production was \$208.2 million, an 11 percent decrease from 2008. The average value was 144.5 cents per pound.

North Dakota was the leading honey producing state in 2009 with 34.7 million pounds. South Dakota came in second with 17.8 million pounds followed by California with 11.7 million pounds and Montana with 10.2 million pounds. Texas ranked eighth in honey production.