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## WYOMING HONEY PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

**WYOMING:** Honey production during 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.44 million pounds, up 4 percent from production in 2006, according to Vito Wagner with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. There were 43,000 bee colonies in Wyoming during 2007 with an average production of 80 pounds per colony. In 2006, there were 39,000 colonies averaging 85 pounds per colony.

Honey stocks in Wyoming on December 15, 2007 totaled 894,000 pounds, up 80 percent from December 15, 2006. The average price received by producers for honey sold in 2007 was 103 cents per pound, up from 100 cents in 2006. The total value of production was \$3.54 million, up 7 percent from 2006.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested.

Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2006 crop reflect honey sold in 2006 and 2007.



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**HONEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2006-2007**

State	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec. 15 1/		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>Lbs</i>		<i>1,000 Lbs</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CO	36	33	75	51	2,700	1,683	1,458	892	110	112	2,970	1,885
ID	95	92	44	41	4,180	3,772	2,592	1,848	100	108	4,180	4,074
MT	132	135	79	68	10,428	9,180	1,981	2,203	96	94	10,011	8,629
NE	47	45	73	49	3,431	2,205	3,843	1,477	94	98	3,225	2,161
SD	225	255	47	52	10,575	13,260	10,575	10,608	95	93	10,046	12,332
UT	23	25	50	39	1,150	975	265	224	101	112	1,162	1,092
<b>WY</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>3,543</b>
U.S.	2,393	2,442	64.7	60.8	154,907	148,482	60,548	52,484	103.6	103.2	160,484	153,233

1/ Stocks held by producers, does not include stocks under loan.