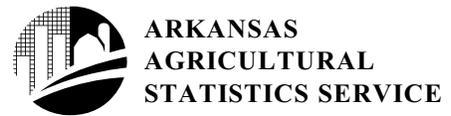


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## BEE AND HONEY REPORT



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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey* conducted during the last half of January 2004 for obtaining information on the 2003 honey production and disposition. The data for the past ten years are posted on our home page at the Internet address above and more detailed national report is available on the NASS web site at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or telephone interview for the survey.

### 2003 HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN, PRICE UP

**ARKANSAS: Honey production** during 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.0 million pounds, down 24 percent from 2002. The state ranked 17th in the nation for honey production, down from 13th in 2002. There were 40,000 colonies producing honey in 2003, down 11 percent from the previous year. **Yield per colony** averaged 75 pounds, down 13 pounds from the 88 pounds in 2002.

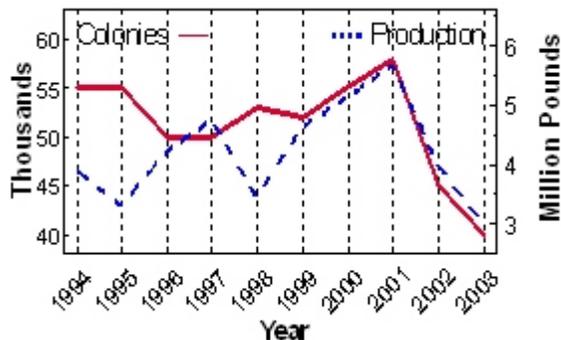
**Honey stocks** held by producers on December 15, 2003 were 810,000 pounds, down 7 percent from a year earlier. Stocks exclude those held under the commodity loan program. **Average honey price** increased to \$1.27 from \$1.26 in 2002. **The value of production** totaled \$3.8 million, down 24 percent from \$5.0 million the previous year.

### NUMBER OF COLONIES, YIELD, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, PRICE AND VALUE <sup>1</sup> ARKANSAS AND U. S., 2002 AND 2003

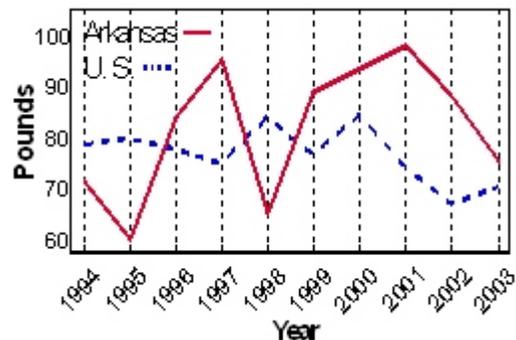
Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
Honey Producing Colonies <sup>2</sup>	1,000	45	40	-11	2,574	2,590	+ 1
Yield per Colony	Pounds	88	75	-15	66.7	69.9	+ 5
Production	1,000 Pounds	3,960	3,000	-24	171,718	181,096	+ 5
Stocks on December 15	1,000 Pounds	871	810	-7	39,393	40,735	+ 3
Average Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>	Dollars	1.26	1.27	+ 1	1.327	1.404	+ 6
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	4,990	3,810	-24	228,338	255,791	+ 12

<sup>1</sup>For producers with 5 or more colonies. <sup>2</sup>Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state. <sup>3</sup>Prices weighted by sales.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production  
 Arkansas, 1994-2003



Yield per Colony  
 Arkansas and U.S., 1994-2003



### TOP 10 HONEY PRODUCTION STATES IN 2003

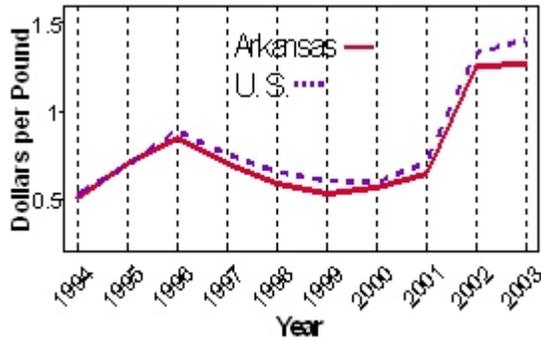
Rank	State	Production	Rank	State	Production
		1,000 Pounds			1,000 Pounds
1	California	32,160	6	Montana	9,570
2	N. Dakota	29,580	7	Texas	9,380
3	Florida	14,910	8	Wisconsin	5,698
4	S. Dakota	14,000	9	New York	4,824
5	Minnesota	9,960	10	Michigan	4,810

**HONEY PRICE BY COLOR CLASS<sup>1</sup>, UNITED STATES, 2002 AND 2003**

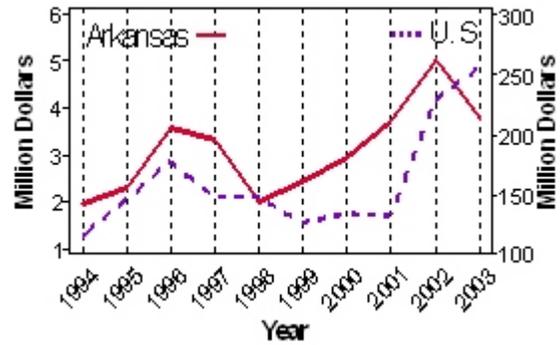
Color Class	Average Price per Pound								
	Co-Op and Private			Retail			All Sales		
	2002	2003	% Chg.	2002	2003	% Chg.	2002	2003	% Chg.
	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>			<i>Dollars per Pound</i>			<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		
<b>Water White, Extra White, and White</b>	1.396	1.438	+ 3	1.538	1.870	+ 22	1.402	1.460	+ 4
<b>Extra Light Amber</b>	1.272	1.351	+ 6	1.420	1.771	+ 25	1.283	1.381	+ 8
<b>Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber</b>	1.190	1.286	+ 8	1.543	1.854	+ 20	1.228	1.339	+ 9
<b>All Other Honey: Area Specialties - Sourwood, Tupelo, Buckwheat, etc. (Honey not included in any of the above color classes)</b>	1.098	1.163	+ 6	1.949	2.513	+ 29	1.219	1.303	+ 7
<b>All Honey</b>	1.313	1.371	+ 4	1.522	1.849	+ 21	1.327	1.404	+ 6

<sup>1</sup>Price by color class available for U.S. only.

**Average Price per Pound  
Arkansas and U.S., 1994 - 2003**



**Value of Honey  
Arkansas and U.S., 1994 - 2003**



**Additional note for this report**

Preliminary 2002 Census data were used in the review process for the 2003 and revised 2002 estimates. The 2002 estimates will be included in the upcoming 5-year revisions in the "Honey, Final Estimates 1998-2002" scheduled for release on April 29, 2004.

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