



# HONEY

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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**FLORIDA:** Honey production in 1999 was 23,256,000 pounds, up three percent from 1998. Florida ranked fourth in production behind California, North Dakota and South Dakota. There were 228,000 colonies in Florida in 1999. The average honey yield for Florida was 102 pounds per colony, four pounds per colony more than in 1998.

Producers received an average of 53 cents per pound for the honey, down from 11 cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 1999 was \$12.3 million, down from the 1998 value of \$14.4 million.

**FLORIDA:** Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks, 1991-99

Year	Colonies of bees <sup>1/</sup>	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Value	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2/</sup>
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1991	225	83	18,675	53	9,898	1,307
1992	220	104	22,880	53	12,126	2,517
1993	200	113	22,600	50	11,300	2,712
1994	230	84	19,320	47	9,080	2,898
1995	230	86	19,780	64	12,659	1,780
1996	240	105	25,200	86	21,672	2,268
1997	240	67	16,080	73	11,738	2,734
1998	230	98	22,540	64	14,426	4,508
1999	228	102	23,256	53	12,326	4,186

<sup>1/</sup> Operations with 5 or more colonies. <sup>2/</sup> Stocks in producers' hands.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 1999 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 205 million pounds, down 7 percent from 1998. There were 2.69 million colonies producing honey in 1999, up 2 percent from 1998. Yield per colony averaged 76.3 pounds, down 7.4 pounds from the 83.7 pounds in 1998. Colonies which produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 79.4

million pounds on December 15, 1999, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Prices for the 1999 crop averaged a 59.9 cents per pound, down 8 percent from 65.5 cents in 1998. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the State level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, co-op and private. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Co-op and private prices were lower for all color classes in 1999.

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	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1991	3,181	68.9	219,171	55.6	121,859	36,231
1992	3,030	72.8	220,584	55.0	121,321	38,933
1993	2,875	80.2	230,575	53.9	124,280	49,046
1994	2,783	78.4	218,187	52.8	115,203	59,877
1995	2,655	79.5	211,073	68.5	144,585	42,313
1996	2,581	77.3	199,511	88.8	177,166	47,206
1997	2,631	74.7	196,536	75.2	147,795	70,696
1998 <sup>4/</sup>	2,633	83.7	220,316	65.5	147,254	80,808
1999 <sup>5/</sup>	2,688	76.3	205,228	59.9	125,422	79,361

<sup>1/</sup> Operations with 5 or more colonies. <sup>2/</sup> Weighted by reported sales. <sup>3/</sup> Stocks in producers' hands. <sup>4/</sup> Revised. <sup>5/</sup> Preliminary.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer, 1998 and 1999

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	1998 <sup>1/</sup>	1999	1998 <sup>1/</sup>	1999	1998 <sup>1/</sup>	1999
Cents per pound						
Water white, extra white, and white	64.7	59.5	113.4	123.4	65.7	60.5
Extra light amber	61.2	55.1	104.8	124.5	64.2	59.8
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	60.2	51.2	119.9	129.1	66.0	59.0
All other honey, area specialties	64.5	61.7	168.4	150.3	83.2	73.7
All honey	62.9	56.1	114.7	126.6	65.5	59.9

<sup>1/</sup> Includes honey produced in 1998 that was sold in 1999.

**HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value, 1998-99<sup>1/</sup>**

State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2/</sup>		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 colonies		Pounds		1,000 pounds				Cents		1,000 dollars	
Alabama	16	17	71	68	1,136	1,156	159	185	72	56	818	647
Arizona	55	52	60	62	3,300	3,224	1,485	1,548	64	62	2,112	1,999
Arkansas	53	52	65	89	3,445	4,628	1,688	2,592	59	53	2,033	2,453
California	450	505	83	60	37,350	30,300	12,326	10,302	62	53	23,157	16,059
Colorado	27	27	72	76	1,944	2,052	1,594	1,436	70	68	1,361	1,395
<b>Florida</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22,540</b>	<b>23,256</b>	<b>4,508</b>	<b>4,186</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>14,426</b>	<b>12,326</b>
Georgia	75	65	56	51	4,200	3,315	307	497	69	64	2,898	2,122
Hawaii	8	8	118	80	944	640	66	32	75	78	708	499
Idaho	120	120	50	48	6,000	5,760	2,220	3,110	65	59	3,900	3,398
Illinois	9	9	71	66	639	594	204	327	119	115	760	683
Indiana	9	10	92	81	828	810	489	437	85	90	704	729
Iowa	50	40	78	65	3,900	2,600	2,301	2,028	70	65	2,730	1,690
Kansas	16	13	46	67	736	871	390	854	87	111	640	967
Kentucky	3	3	50	50	150	150	51	12	140	124	210	186
Louisiana	41	48	111	114	4,551	5,472	865	821	59	49	2,685	2,681
Maine	10	14	26	22	260	308	117	89	69	83	179	256
Maryland	7	6	44	46	308	276	92	50	110	164	339	453
Michigan	80	73	85	85	6,800	6,205	3,672	3,475	66	66	4,488	4,095
Minnesota	140	145	79	82	11,060	11,890	2,765	3,210	65	61	7,189	7,253
Mississippi	18	18	86	73	1,548	1,314	898	591	58	54	898	710
Missouri	23	24	66	65	1,518	1,560	455	437	76	68	1,154	1,061
Montana	115	122	122	70	14,030	8,540	5,472	2,135	64	60	8,979	5,124
Nebraska	64	58	70	77	4,480	4,466	2,240	1,965	86	61	3,853	2,724
Nevada	10	9	46	45	460	383	175	257	165	154	759	590
New Jersey	11	10	49	44	539	440	167	154	76	57	410	251
New Mexico	14	15	55	52	770	780	470	476	76	77	585	601
New York	65	69	80	70	5,200	4,830	2,444	2,077	70	66	3,640	3,188
North Carolina	8	9	59	46	472	414	151	104	138	162	651	671
North Dakota	230	255	128	105	29,440	26,775	8,832	8,836	63	59	18,547	15,797
Ohio	18	20	78	74	1,404	1,480	702	784	83	72	1,165	1,066
Oklahoma	4	6	51	45	204	270	63	49	124	134	253	362
Oregon	50	45	45	57	2,250	2,565	1,620	2,026	90	80	2,025	2,052
Pennsylvania	23	25	66	60	1,518	1,500	698	705	80	76	1,214	1,140
South Dakota	225	224	95	104	21,375	23,296	10,901	13,046	64	60	13,680	13,978
Tennessee	7	8	64	51	448	408	121	106	132	130	591	530
Texas	91	108	77	81	7,007	8,748	1,612	2,799	62	64	4,344	5,599
Utah	30	26	58	45	1,740	1,170	557	433	65	68	1,131	796
Vermont	6	6	64	66	384	396	207	222	85	63	326	249
Virginia	8	7	37	35	296	245	86	86	133	117	394	287
Washington	58	52	51	50	2,958	2,600	1,361	1,170	64	60	1,893	1,560
West Virginia	6	6	55	39	330	234	155	152	114	109	376	255
Wisconsin	89	80	91	75	8,099	6,000	5,264	4,560	72	68	5,831	4,080
Wyoming	46	37	60	72	2,760	2,664	524	746	68	61	1,877	1,625
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	15	14	66	46	995	643	334	254	135	192	1,341	1,235
United States <sup>4/</sup>	2,633	2,688	83.7	76.3	220,316	205,228	80,808	79,361	65.5	59.9	147,254	125,422

<sup>1/</sup> 1998 data revised. <sup>2/</sup> Does not include stocks under loan. <sup>3/</sup> CT, DE, MA, NH, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. <sup>4/</sup> U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.