



HONEY



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FLORIDA: Honey production in 2002 was 20,460,000 pounds, down seven percent from 2001. Florida ranked third in production behind California, and North Dakota. There were 220,000 colonies in Florida in 2002 with an average honey yield of 93 pounds per colony, seven pounds less than in 2001.

Producers received an average of 112 cents per pound for the honey, up 48 cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2002 was \$22.9 million, up from the 2001 value of \$14.1 million.

FLORIDA: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks, 1993-2002

Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
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
2000	232	105	24,360	54	13,154	2,923
2001	220	100	22,000	64	14,080	3,432
2002	220	93	20,460	112	22,915	2,026

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Stocks in producers' hands.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2002 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 171 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2001. There were 2.52 million colonies producing honey in 2002, up 1 percent from 2001. Yield per colony averaged 67.8 pounds, down from 74.0 pounds in 2001. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may thus be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 39.0 million pounds on December 15, 2002, down 40 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2002 to 128.6 cents, up 83 percent from 70.4 cents in 2001. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2002 were higher than the previous year for all color classes. Some 2001 crop honey was sold at the higher prices in 2002, which caused revisions to the 2001 crop prices.

UNITED STATES: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks, 1993-2002

Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound ^{2/}	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{3/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
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	2,633	83.7	220,316	65.5	147,254	80,808
1999	2,688	76.4	205,250	60.1	126,075	79,375
2000	2,620	84.1	220,339	59.7	132,742	85,328
2001 ^{4/}	2,506	74.0	185,461	70.4	132,225	64,556
2002 ^{5/}	2,524	67.8	171,140	128.6	221,638	39,047

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Weighted by reported sales. ^{3/} Stocks in producers' hands. ^{4/} Revised. ^{5/} Preliminary.

UNITED STATES: Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer, 2001 and 2002

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Cents per pound					
Water white, extra white, and white	68.7	136.1	133.6	146.3	70.6	136.4
Extra light amber	66.9	123.0	132.0	131.0	70.5	123.5
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	62.3	115.1	150.8	149.9	69.5	118.7
All other honey, area specialties	64.5	111.1	160.4	187.9	80.9	120.6
All honey	66.6	127.5	142.0	145.4	70.4	128.6

HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value, 2000-2001 ^{1/}

State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 colonies		Pounds		1,000 pounds				Cents		1,000 dollars	
Alabama	14	12	73	86	1,022	1,032	235	103	72	111	736	1,146
Arizona	43	38	59	63	2,537	2,394	1,142	1,197	72	110	1,827	2,633
Arkansas	58	55	98	88	5,684	4,840	1,876	1,065	65	124	3,695	6,002
California	425	440	65	53	27,625	23,320	7,735	3,498	69	129	19,061	30,083
Colorado	26	24	55	60	1,430	1,440	529	576	71	122	1,015	1,757
Florida	220	220	100	93	22,000	20,460	3,432	2,026	64	112	14,080	22,915
Georgia	55	50	57	52	3,135	2,600	188	52	70	110	2,195	2,860
Hawaii	8	7	87	136	696	952	84	29	87	110	606	1,047
Idaho	100	100	46	57	4,600	5,700	1,610	1,653	67	135	3,082	7,695
Illinois	6	9	76	80	456	720	251	130	158	142	720	1,022
Indiana	7	8	76	62	532	496	186	233	92	114	489	565
Iowa	33	33	51	70	1,683	2,310	875	901	75	137	1,262	3,165
Kansas	13	17	51	52	663	884	530	407	96	156	636	1,379
Kentucky	3	3	78	54	234	162	94	47	141	165	330	267
Louisiana	45	35	106	124	4,770	4,340	572	347	60	114	2,862	4,948
Maine	11	11	20	41	220	451	106	266	79	121	174	546
Maryland	4	3	46	46	184	138	55	21	160	175	294	242
Michigan	76	72	60	77	4,560	5,544	2,827	1,885	81	134	3,694	7,429
Minnesota	135	117	81	73	10,935	8,541	1,859	1,110	65	142	7,108	12,128
Mississippi	17	18	66	78	1,122	1,404	224	281	89	118	999	1,657
Missouri	25	18	61	53	1,525	954	381	200	71	137	1,083	1,307
Montana	136	134	102	63	13,872	8,442	4,578	1,097	67	135	9,294	11,397
Nebraska	43	43	48	75	2,064	3,225	1,115	1,161	72	145	1,486	4,676
Nevada	9	9	50	62	450	558	36	61	214	227	963	1,267
New Jersey	11	10	34	35	374	350	71	74	85	98	318	343
New Mexico	10	11	70	44	700	484	350	252	66	109	462	528
New York	53	60	70	98	3,710	5,880	1,781	2,470	79	117	2,931	6,880
North Carolina	13	14	44	51	572	714	172	86	148	136	847	971
North Dakota	280	320	96	75	26,880	24,000	9,408	8,160	69	142	18,547	34,080
Ohio	16	16	81	81	1,296	1,296	505	518	101	140	1,309	1,814
Oklahoma	4	3	47	53	188	159	105	51	143	160	269	254
Oregon	44	39	44	49	1,936	1,911	1,200	803	74	128	1,433	2,446
Pennsylvania	17	18	57	57	969	1,026	514	513	92	130	891	1,334
South Dakota	235	225	65	51	15,275	11,475	12,220	2,410	71	140	10,845	16,065
Tennessee	8	8	59	61	472	488	131	137	139	137	656	669
Texas	97	114	79	67	7,663	7,638	1,533	985	65	109	4,981	8,325
Utah	23	22	38	59	874	1,298	315	208	65	129	568	1,674
Vermont	7	7	81	89	567	623	249	274	92	119	522	741
Virginia	9	7	52	38	468	266	94	69	126	186	590	495
Washington	42	44	52	51	2,184	2,244	917	494	72	125	1,572	2,805
West Virginia	7	9	65	51	455	459	410	151	142	137	646	629
Wisconsin	67	70	81	95	5,427	6,650	3,419	2,461	82	130	4,450	8,645
Wyoming	38	38	77	63	2,926	2,394	468	383	65	139	1,902	3,328
Other States ^{3/}	13	13	81	145	526	878	174	202	312	343	795	1,479
United States ^{4/}	2,506	2,524	74.0	67.8	185,461	171,140	64,556	39,047	70.4	128.6	132,225	221,638

^{1/} 2001 data revised. ^{2/} Does not include stocks under loan. ^{3/} CT, DE, MA, NH, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ^{4/} U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.