

Honey Production, 2001

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Honey production for 2001 by producers with 5 or more hives totaled 969,000 pounds. Honey producers took honey from 17,000 colonies, with an average yield of 57 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 514,000 pounds.

The 2001 honey production is valued at 843,000 dollars. Pennsylvania ranks 27th in the nation for honey production.

A sample of honey producers were surveyed in December for information on number of colonies, honey production, honey stocks on hand for sale, and prices received for honey sold.

Honey producers received an average price of \$.87 per pound for the 2001 crop.

Pennsylvania: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value & Stocks, 1987-2001¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound ²	Value of Production	Stocks Dec. 15 ³
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dols.</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>
1987	48	39	1,872	68	1,273	711
1988	45	46	2,070	67	1,387	683
1989	41	39	1,599	62	991	560
1990	41	28	1,148	67	769	379
1991	40	45	1,800	70	1,260	594
1992	30	41	1,230	71	873	566
1993	28	40	1,120	64	717	605
1994	27	47	1,269	60	761	622
1995	25	43	1,075	73	785	376
1996	23	46	1,058	102	1,079	370
1997	22	48	1,056	100	1,056	528
1998	23	66	1,518	80	1,214	698
1999	25	60	1,500	76	1,140	705
2000	22	45	990	76	752	554
2001	17	57	969	87	843	514

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. ² Prices weighed by sales. ³ Stocks held by producers.

Pennsylvania & Major States: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value & Stocks, 2001¹

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Dols.</i>
California	425	65	27,625	7,735	18,509
Florida	220	100	22,000	3,432	13,640
Georgia	55	57	3,135	188	2,195
Idaho	100	46	4,600	1,610	3,036
Iowa	33	51	1,683	875	1,229
Louisiana	45	106	4,770	572	2,862
Michigan	76	60	4,560	2,827	3,557
Minnesota	135	81	10,935	1,859	6,889
Montana	136	102	13,872	4,578	9,017
Nebraska	43	48	2,064	1,115	1,362
New York	53	70	3,710	1,781	2,523
North Dakota	280	96	26,880	9,408	17,472
Pennsylvania	17	57	969	514	843
South Dakota	235	65	15,275	12,220	9,776
Texas	97	79	7,663	1,533	4,904
Wisconsin	67	81	5,427	3,419	4,125
Other States	496	62.0	30,758	11,084	25,121
U. S. Total	2,513	74.0	185,926	64,750	127,060

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