

HONEY

Honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 376,000 pounds, down 83,000 pounds from 2002. There were 8,000 producing colonies in 2003, down 1,000 colonies from 2002. Yield per colony averaged 47 pounds, down 4 pounds from 2002. Honey stocks on December 15, 2003, were reported at 194,000 pounds, up 43,000 pounds from the amount was reported in 2002.

Prices for the 2003 crop averaged 201 cents per pound, compared to 132 cents per pound in 2002. Value of production totaled 756,000 dollars, up 150,000 dollars from 2002.

HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Value and Stocks, 1994-2003 ^{1/}

Year	Producing Colonies	Production		Average Price Per Pound	Value	Stocks ^{2/}
		Per Colony	Total			
	(000)	Pounds	(000) Pounds	Dollars	(000) Dollars	(000) Pounds
1994	20	44	880	1.18	1,038	414
1995	13	41	533	1.18	629	48
1996	10	59	590	1.59	938	207
1997	8	70	560	1.11	622	280
1998	6	55	330	1.14	376	155
1999	6	39	234	1.09	255	152
2000	7	54	378	1.22	461	234
2001	7	65	455	1.42	646	410
2002	9	51	459	1.32*	606*	151
2003	8	47	376	2.01	756	194

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers as of December 15. Does not include stocks under loan. *revised

TROUT

There were 25 operations that reported selling trout and/or distributing trout in 2003, unchanged from 2002. The 15 commercial trout producers in West Virginia had fish sales of \$477,000 for the 12 month period from January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003. This was an 18 percent decrease from the \$583,000 in fish sales during the same period in 2002.

Commercial trout losses for the period totaled 50,000 pounds, down from last year's 53,000 pounds.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes are estimated at 1.74 million dollars. A total of 14 operations reported distributing trout.

WEST VIRGINIA TROUT OPERATIONS BY TYPES, 1999-2003

Year	Selling Trout		Distributed Trout	Total Operations
	Number of Operations	Total Value of Sales	Number of Operations	
	(000) Dollars			
1999	24	695	12	33
2000	20	611	12	30
2001	19	827	12	29
2002	17	583	11	25
2003	15	477	14	25

WEST VIRGINIA TROUT: Number, Weight and Value of Foodsize Sales (12" or longer in length), 1999-2003

Year	Number Sold	Pounds Sold ^{1/}	Value of Sales	Avg. Value per Pound
	(000)	(000)	(000) Dollars	Dollars
1999	372	395	679	1.72
2000	276	346	571	1.65
2001	340	467	785	1.68
2002	300	349	559	1.60
2003	320	333	450	1.35

^{1/} Pounds sold live weight.