

Honey

Arizona's honey production during 2005 was estimated at 1.80 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2004. Average yield from the 36,000 honey producing colonies was 50 pounds, down 5 pounds from last year.

Prices for the 2005 honey crop averaged \$0.97 per pound, down 14 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$1.75 million, a decrease of 11 percent from 2004.

Estimates of honey production and colonies represent operations where honey is taken from colonies for sale or human consumption. Honey produced by beekeepers with fewer than five colonies is not included. Packaged bees and bees for pollination are included only if some honey was removed for human consumption.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Price, and Value 1/

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Honey producing colonies (1,000)	52	40	43	38	35	32	36
Yield per colony (Pounds)	62	59	59	63	72	55	50
Production (1,000 Pounds)	3,224	2,360	2,537	2,394	2,520	1,760	1,800
Average price per pound (Dollars)	0.62	0.73	0.72	1.08	1.34	1.11	0.97
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	1,999	1,723	1,827	2,586	3,377	1,954	1,746

1/ December 1 previous year through November 30.

Honey Production & Price 1999-2005

