

Honey

Arizona's honey production during 2006 was estimated at 1.95 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2005. Average yield from the 30,000 honey producing colonies was 65 pounds, up 15 pounds from last year.

Prices for the 2006 honey crop averaged \$1.39 per pound, up 34 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$2.71 million, an increase of 43 percent from 2005.

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/

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Honey producing colonies (1,000)	40	43	38	35	32	36	30
Yield per colony (Pounds)	59	59	63	72	55	50	65
Production (1,000 Pounds)	2,360	2,537	2,394	2,520	1,760	1,800	1,950
Average price per pound (Dollars)	0.73	0.72	1.08	1.34	1.11	1.05	1.39
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	1,723	1,827	2,586	3,377	1,954	1,890	2,711

1/ December 1 previous year through November 30.

