

## Honey

Arizona's honey production during 2007 was estimated at 1.92 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2006. Average yield from the 30,000 honey producing colonies was 64 pounds, down 1 pound from last year.

Prices for the 2007 honey crop averaged \$1.18 per pound, up 25 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$2.27 million, an increase of 25 percent from 2006.

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

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Honey producing colonies (1,000)	43	38	35	32	36	30	30
Yield per colony (Pounds)	59	63	72	55	50	65	64
Production (1,000 Pounds)	2,537	2,394	2,520	1,760	1,800	1,950	1,920
Average price per pound (Dollars)	0.72	1.08	1.34	1.11	1.05	0.93	1.18
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	1,827	2,586	3,377	1,954	1,890	1,814	2,266

