

# Honey

Arizona's honey production during 2011 was estimated at 1.22 million pounds, a 34 percent decrease from 2010. Average yield from the 23,000 honey producing colonies was 53 pounds per colony, 24 pounds less than last year.

Prices for the 2011 honey crop averaged \$1.50 per pound, a decrease of 2 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$1.83 million, a decrease of 35 percent from 2010.

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

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Honey producing colonies (1,000) <sup>1/</sup>	36	30	30	25	20	24	23
Yield per colony (Pounds)	50	65	64	64	52	77	53
Production (1,000 Pounds)	1,800	1,950	1,920	1,600	1,040	1,848	1,219
Average price per pound (Dollars) <sup>2/</sup>	1.04	0.91	1.26	1.26	1.45	1.52	1.50
Value of production (1,000 Dollars) <sup>3/</sup>	1,872	1,775	2,419	2,016	1,508	2,809	1,829

1/ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

2/ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

3/ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

### Honey Production & Price 2005-2011

