

FLORIDA Honey

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Honey production in 2005 was 13,760,000 pounds, down 32 percent from 2004. Florida ranked fourth in production behind North Dakota, California and South Dakota. There were 160,000 colonies in Florida in 2005 with an average honey yield of 86 pounds per colony, 12 pounds less than in 2004. Producers received an average of 87 cents per pound for the honey, down 13 cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2005 was \$12.0 million, down from the 2004 value of \$20.1 million.

FLORIDA: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks, 1996-2005

Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1996	240	105	25,200	86	21,672	2,268
1997	240	67	16,080	73	11,738	2,734
1998	230	98	22,540	64	14,426	4,508
1999	228	102	23,256	53	12,326	4,186
2000	232	105	24,360	54	13,154	2,923
2001	220	100	22,000	64	14,080	3,432
2002	220	93	20,460	114	23,324	2,026
2003	210	71	14,910	132	19,681	1,491
2004	205	98	20,090	100	20,090	2,009
2005	160	86	13,760	87	11,971	2,477

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies.

^{2/} Stocks in producers' hands.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2005 were lower than the previous year for all color class totals.

UNITED STATES: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks, 1996-2005

Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound ^{2/}	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{3/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1996	2,581	77.3	199,511	88.8	177,166	47,206
1997	2,631	74.7	196,536	75.2	147,795	70,696
1998	2,633	83.7	220,316	65.5	147,254	80,808
1999	2,688	76.4	205,250	60.1	126,075	79,375
2000	2,620	84.1	220,339	59.7	132,742	85,328
2001	2,506	74.0	185,461	70.4	132,225	64,556
2002	2,574	66.7	171,718	132.7	228,338	39,393
2003	2,599	70.0	181,727	138.7	253,106	40,785
2004 ^{4/}	2,556	71.8	183,582	106.9	196,259	61,222
2005 ^{5/}	2,410	72.5	174,643	90.4	157,795	62,406

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies.

^{2/} Weighted by reported sales.

^{3/} Stocks in producers' hands.

^{4/} Revised.

^{5/} Preliminary.

UNITED STATES: Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer, 2004 and 2005

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Cents per pound</i>					
Water white, extra white, and white	104.4	82.4	177.0	186.7	107.5	86.2
Extra light amber	95.9	79.4	150.6	178.0	102.0	88.3
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	85.9	80.1	196.0	178.9	105.1	99.1
All other honey, area specialties	113.9	91.6	231.5	279.2	161.5	108.4
All honey	99.2	81.6	182.6	183.3	106.9	90.4



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HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value, 2004-2005 ^{1/}

State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 colonies</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 pounds</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
Alabama	12	13	87	66	1,044	858	282	266	141	128	1,472	1,098
Arizona	32	36	55	50	1,760	1,800	774	720	111	97	1,954	1,746
Arkansas	40	36	57	69	2,280	2,484	388	571	86	95	1,961	2,360
California	390	400	45	75	17,550	30,000	5,792	9,300	101	84	17,726	25,200
Colorado	23	26	80	70	1,840	1,820	791	837	135	104	2,484	1,893
Florida	205	160	98	86	20,090	13,760	2,009	2,477	100	87	20,090	11,971
Georgia	63	59	49	49	3,087	2,891	648	434	119	84	3,674	2,428
Hawaii	8	9	96	131	768	1,179	77	283	159	134	1,221	1,580
Idaho	100	95	63	37	6,300	3,515	2,520	1,793	99	80	6,237	2,812
Illinois	7	8	55	85	385	680	193	408	186	162	716	1,102
Indiana	7	8	59	64	413	512	145	189	149	119	615	609
Iowa	35	28	67	88	2,345	2,464	1,337	1,232	106	98	2,486	2,415
Kansas	14	16	80	50	1,120	800	683	328	117	124	1,310	992
Louisiana	35	35	98	97	3,430	3,395	240	611	78	71	2,675	2,410
Maine	7	8	31	26	217	208	37	193	128	187	278	389
Michigan	65	65	67	68	4,355	4,420	2,439	2,519	114	99	4,965	4,376
Minnesota	135	120	75	74	10,125	8,880	1,924	1,598	104	83	10,530	7,370
Mississippi	18	16	65	80	1,170	1,280	421	346	79	66	924	845
Missouri	16	15	41	50	656	750	151	180	138	121	905	908
Montana	140	130	77	67	10,780	8,710	3,773	3,136	105	80	11,319	6,968
Nebraska	51	40	89	68	4,539	2,720	2,043	2,530	97	89	4,403	2,421
Nevada	14	12	55	46	770	552	316	442	247	209	1,902	1,154
New Jersey	12	12	27	32	324	384	45	104	141	118	457	453
New Mexico	8	7	44	49	352	343	127	113	119	102	419	350
New York	64	60	67	73	4,288	4,380	1,887	2,321	138	122	5,917	5,344
North Carolina	9	10	40	54	360	540	72	146	193	194	695	1,048
North Dakota	390	370	78	91	30,420	33,670	9,126	8,418	102	81	31,028	27,273
Ohio	16	15	58	69	928	1,035	353	580	152	141	1,411	1,459
Oregon	42	39	54	42	2,268	1,638	1,111	557	121	108	2,744	1,769
Pennsylvania	30	28	54	56	1,620	1,568	810	800	142	105	2,300	1,646
South Dakota	215	220	105	79	22,575	17,380	13,545	11,818	100	76	22,575	13,209
Tennessee	6	7	54	55	324	385	91	92	173	164	561	631
Texas	116	84	76	71	8,816	5,964	1,411	954	95	85	8,375	5,069
Utah	23	23	70	45	1,610	1,035	531	331	107	103	1,723	1,066
Vermont	6	6	68	91	408	546	192	169	151	106	616	579
Virginia	7	8	38	37	266	296	69	59	209	221	556	654
Washington	56	51	63	55	3,528	2,805	1,376	1,935	98	106	3,457	2,973
West Virginia	9	8	55	51	495	408	183	102	141	124	698	506
Wisconsin	68	64	86	83	5,848	5,312	2,632	2,922	119	114	6,959	6,056
Wyoming	39	40	75	56	2,925	2,240	380	291	107	87	3,130	1,949
Other States ^{3/}	23	23	52	44.5	1,203	1,036	298	301	232	262	2,791	2,714
United States ^{4/}	2,556	2,410	71.8	72.5	183,582	174,643	61,222	62,406	106.9	90.4	196,259	157,795

^{1/} 2004 data revised.

^{2/} Does not include stocks under loan.

^{3/} CT, DE, KY, MD, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

^{4/} U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.