



HONEY

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Honey production in 2006 was 13,770,000 pounds, slightly above 2005. Florida ranked third in production behind California and North Dakota. There were 170,000 honey producing colonies in Florida in 2006. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. The average honey yield was 81 pounds per colony, five pounds less than in 2005. Producers received an average of 101 cents per pound for the honey, up 15 cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2006 was \$13.9 million, up from the 2005 value of \$11.8 million.

FLORIDA: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks, 1997-2006

Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}
	<i>1,000 colonies</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
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	86	11,834	2,477
2006	170	81	13,770	101	13,908	1,790

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

^{2/} Stocks in producers' hands.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005. There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down one percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. 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 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down three percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey 2006 prices increased to 104.2 cents, up 14 percent from 91.8 cents in 2005. 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 weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2006 were up from the previous year for all color class totals.

UNITED STATES: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks, 1997-2006

Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound ^{2/}	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{3/}
	<i>1,000 colonies</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
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	2,556	71.8	183,582	106.9	196,259	61,222
2005 ^{4/}	2,413	72.4	174,818	91.8	160,428	62,478
2006 ^{5/}	2,392	64.7	154,846	104.2	161,314	60,528

^{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, 2005 and 2006

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Cents per pound</i>					
Water white, extra white, and white	82.7	93.9	181.3	179.4	87.3	97.3
Extra light amber	79.8	95.7	176.0	167.8	92.2	103.9
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	77.2	88.3	180.8	200.1	97.0	108.4
All other honey, area specialties	95.5	154.9	269.0	244.3	110.7	176.1
All honey	81.2	93.7	181.4	191.0	91.8	104.2

HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value, 2005-2006 ^{1/}

State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 colonies</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 pounds</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
Alabama	13	11	66	72	858	792	266	230	110	146	944	1,156
Arizona	36	30	50	65	1,800	1,950	720	839	105	139	1,890	2,711
Arkansas	36	32	69	76	2,484	2,432	571	730	83	105	2,062	2,554
California	400	380	75	52	30,000	19,760	9,300	7,706	84	98	25,200	19,365
Colorado	28	36	70	75	1,960	2,700	902	1,458	97	139	1,901	3,753
Florida	160	170	86	81	13,760	13,770	2,477	1,790	86	101	11,834	13,908
Georgia	59	63	49	74	2,891	4,662	434	746	89	116	2,573	5,408
Hawaii	9	10	131	93	1,179	930	283	233	143	119	1,686	1,107
Idaho	95	95	37	44	3,515	4,180	1,793	2,592	80	86	2,812	3,595
Illinois	8	10	85	66	680	660	408	356	186	188	1,265	1,241
Indiana	8	6	64	54	512	324	189	107	122	151	625	489
Iowa	28	26	88	84	2,464	2,184	1,232	1,441	122	115	3,006	2,512
Kansas	16	14	50	55	800	770	328	246	109	140	872	1,078
Louisiana	35	30	97	90	3,395	2,700	611	675	72	89	2,444	2,403
Maine	8	11	26	23	208	253	193	86	166	200	345	506
Michigan	65	72	68	55	4,420	3,960	2,519	2,099	96	128	4,243	5,069
Minnesota	120	125	74	80	8,880	10,000	1,598	3,300	79	89	7,015	8,900
Mississippi	16	14	80	98	1,280	1,372	346	453	67	105	858	1,441
Missouri	15	15	50	46	750	690	180	117	122	149	915	1,028
Montana	130	132	67	79	8,710	10,428	3,136	1,981	83	100	7,229	10,428
Nebraska	40	47	68	73	2,720	3,431	2,530	3,843	82	104	2,230	3,568
Nevada	12	9	46	37	552	333	442	50	311	355	1,717	1,182
New Jersey	12	9	32	36	384	324	104	152	121	115	465	373
New Mexico	7	7	49	48	343	336	113	104	103	96	353	323
New York	60	60	73	64	4,380	3,840	2,321	2,458	138	138	6,044	5,299
North Carolina	10	10	54	50	540	500	146	215	188	156	1,015	780
North Dakota	370	350	91	74	33,670	25,900	8,418	7,770	82	90	27,609	23,310
Ohio	15	14	69	56	1,035	784	580	282	142	145	1,470	1,137
Oregon	39	46	42	48	1,638	2,208	557	729	107	111	1,753	2,451
Pennsylvania	28	28	56	40	1,568	1,120	800	605	113	161	1,772	1,803
South Dakota	220	225	79	47	17,380	10,575	11,818	10,575	79	82	13,730	8,672
Tennessee	7	7	55	55	385	385	92	58	170	184	655	708
Texas	84	82	71	70	5,964	5,740	954	976	87	87	5,189	4,994
Utah	23	23	45	50	1,035	1,150	331	265	102	105	1,056	1,208
Vermont	6	6	91	56	546	336	169	144	112	121	612	407
Virginia	8	8	37	42	296	336	59	114	222	219	657	736
Washington	51	49	55	52	2,805	2,548	1,935	1,605	102	119	2,861	3,032
West Virginia	8	5	51	42	408	210	102	57	130	195	530	410
Wisconsin	64	64	83	93	5,312	5,952	2,922	2,500	119	114	6,321	6,785
Wyoming	40	39	56	85	2,240	3,315	291	497	85	88	1,904	2,917
Other States ^{3/}	24	22	43	99	1,071	1,006	341	344	274	489	2,766	2,567
United States ^{4/}	2,413	2,392	72.4	64.7	174,818	154,846	62,478	60,528	91.8	104.2	160,428	161,314

^{1/} 2005 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.