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There were 150,000 honey producing colonies in Florida in 2009. Colonies were not included that were only for pollination or from which honey was not harvested. Honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies was 10.2 million pounds, 14 percent below 2008. Florida ranked fifth in production behind North Dakota, South Dakota, California and Montana. The average honey yield was 68 pounds per colony, 11 pounds less than in 2008. Producers received an average of \$1.38 per pound for the honey, up six cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2009 was \$14.1 million, down from the 2008 value of \$15.6 million.

Florida Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks: 2000-2009

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)
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
2007	160	71	11,360	99	11,246	1,363
2008 ⁴	150	79	11,850	132	15,642	1,304
2009	150	68	10,200	138	14,076	1,428

¹ Operations with 5 or more colonies.

² Weighted by reported sales.

³ Stocks in producers' hands.

⁴ Revised.

United States: Honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million colonies producing honey in 2009, up five percent from 2008. Yield per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, down 16 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2008, and is the lowest yield since 1989. 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, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 37.2 million pounds on December 15, 2009, down 27 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices increased to a record high during 2009 to 144.5 cents, up two percent from 142.1 cents in 2008. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2008 crop reflect honey sold in 2008 and 2009. Some 2008 crop honey was sold in 2009, which caused some revisions to the 2008 crop prices.

United States Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks: 2000-2009

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)
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	2,413	72.4	174,818	91.8	160,428	62,478
2006	2,393	64.7	154,907	103.6	160,484	60,548
2007 ⁴	2,443	60.7	148,341	107.7	159,763	52,635
2008 ⁴	2,342	69.9	163,789	142.1	232,744	51,159
2009	2,462	58.5	144,108	144.5	208,236	37,153

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United States Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer: 2008 and 2009

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	(cents per pound)					
Water white, extra white, and white	138.9	140.8	195.0	272.1	141.2	142.3
Extra light amber	135.2	141.7	209.7	242.4	140.7	146.1
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	127.4	133.6	240.5	275.6	142.0	144.6
All other honey, area specialties	143.3	138.5	326.8	394.8	205.9	217.8
All honey	135.4	139.2	224.7	278.4	142.1	144.5

Honey Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value: 2008-2009

[2008 data revised]

State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ¹		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	(1,000 colonies)	(1,000 colonies)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Alabama.....	9	9	66	49	594	441	214	66	190	182	1,129	803
Arizona.....	25	20	64	52	1,600	1,040	336	562	126	153	2,016	1,591
Arkansas.....	28	24	75	57	2,100	1,368	525	301	135	139	2,835	1,902
California.....	360	355	51	33	18,360	11,715	4,039	2,109	139	139	25,520	16,284
Colorado.....	27	28	45	53	1,215	1,484	656	326	151	140	1,835	2,078
Florida.....	150	150	79	68	11,850	10,200	1,304	1,428	132	138	15,642	14,076
Georgia.....	65	65	71	41	4,615	2,665	369	346	152	147	7,015	3,918
Hawaii.....	10	10	90	95	900	950	225	323	159	163	1,431	1,549
Idaho.....	90	103	40	46	3,600	4,738	1,440	1,706	146	145	5,256	6,870
Illinois.....	8	8	56	34	448	272	116	57	259	226	1,160	615
Indiana.....	7	9	67	32	469	288	150	101	168	198	788	570
Iowa.....	24	26	62	42	1,488	1,092	580	339	158	151	2,351	1,649
Kansas.....	10	9	61	63	610	567	128	164	155	189	946	1,072
Kentucky.....	4	5	39	35	156	175	27	25	244	273	381	478
Louisiana.....	40	37	77	103	3,080	3,811	493	610	136	132	4,189	5,031
Maine.....	7	6	42	50	294	300	79	51	157	186	462	558
Michigan.....	71	66	73	60	5,183	3,960	2,021	1,505	144	151	7,464	5,980
Minnesota.....	122	122	78	65	9,516	7,930	2,569	1,427	139	140	13,227	11,102
Mississippi.....	14	14	98	104	1,372	1,456	110	87	130	132	1,784	1,922
Missouri.....	11	11	53	47	583	517	152	57	168	198	979	1,024
Montana.....	134	146	70	70	9,380	10,220	4,596	3,577	137	145	12,851	14,819
Nebraska.....	36	48	67	56	2,412	2,688	1,254	1,102	145	144	3,497	3,871
Nevada.....	10	10	29	52	290	520	52	57	142	129	412	671
New Jersey.....	9	9	40	32	360	288	122	46	162	193	583	556
New Mexico.....	6	7	48	60	288	420	95	143	148	163	426	685
New York.....	50	47	70	65	3,500	3,055	1,260	978	165	183	5,775	5,591
North Carolina.....	12	11	52	45	624	495	137	84	218	252	1,360	1,247
North Dakota.....	400	450	90	77	36,000	34,650	8,640	7,623	136	137	48,960	47,471
Ohio.....	14	11	53	50	742	550	371	132	168	275	1,247	1,513
Oregon.....	50	55	43	34	2,150	1,870	1,097	767	141	149	3,032	2,786
Pennsylvania.....	23	21	48	40	1,104	840	276	319	165	199	1,822	1,672
South Dakota.....	225	270	95	66	21,375	17,820	11,970	6,237	134	139	28,643	24,770
Tennessee.....	7	7	61	51	427	357	149	86	209	235	892	839
Texas.....	77	74	64	63	4,928	4,662	1,380	886	134	138	6,604	6,434
Utah.....	28	26	48	38	1,344	988	242	198	157	147	2,110	1,452
Vermont.....	5	5	66	49	330	245	119	69	220	236	726	578
Virginia.....	6	6	42	39	252	234	45	56	242	328	610	768
Washington.....	49	62	44	44	2,156	2,728	862	1,064	151	149	3,256	4,065
West Virginia.....	6	5	43	37	258	185	49	33	216	267	557	494
Wisconsin.....	58	63	80	60	4,640	3,780	2,366	1,588	150	151	6,960	5,708
Wyoming.....	39	37	61	48	2,379	1,776	381	391	137	143	3,259	2,540
Other States ²	16	15	51	51	817	768	163	127	234	280	1,912	2,150
United States ³	2,342	2,462	69.9	58.5	163,789	144,108	51,159	37,153	142.1	144.5	232,744	208,236

¹ Does not include stocks under loan.

² Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and South Carolina not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

³ United States price weighted by survey expanded sales.