



# HONEY

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**Florida:** There were 180,000 honey producing colonies in Florida in 2011. Colonies used only for pollination or from which honey was not harvested were not included. Honey production in 2011 from producers with five or more colonies was 11.0 million pounds, 20 percent below 2010. Florida ranked fifth in production behind North Dakota, California, South Dakota, and Montana. The average honey yield was 61 pounds per colony, eight pounds below 2010. Producers received an average of 165 cents per pound for the honey, up nine cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2011 was \$18.1 million, down from the 2010 value of \$21.5 million.

**United States:** Honey production in 2011 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2010. There were 2.49 million colonies producing honey in 2011, down seven percent from 2010. Yield per colony averaged 59.6 pounds, down nine percent from the 65.6 pounds in 2010. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield 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 36.8 million pounds on December 15, 2011, down 18 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2011 to 172.9 cents per pound, up seven percent from 161.9 per pound cents in 2010. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2010 crop reflect honey sold in 2010 and 2011. Some 2010 crop honey was sold in 2011, which caused some revisions to the 2010 crop prices.

## Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Price, Value and Stocks — Florida and United States: 2002-2011

[Producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one States were counted in each State]

Year	Honey Producing Colonies <sup>1</sup>	Yield per Colony	Production	Average Price per Pound <sup>2</sup>	Value of Production <sup>3</sup>	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>4</sup>
	(1,000 colonies)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 pounds)
<b>Florida</b>						
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 .....	150	79	11,850	132	15,642	1,304
2009 .....	170	68	11,560	142	16,415	1,618
2010 .....	200	69	13,800	156	21,528	1,794
2011 .....	180	61	10,980	165	18,117	988
<b>United States</b>						
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 .....	2,443	60.7	148,341	107.7	159,763	52,635
2008 .....	2,342	69.9	163,789	142.1	232,744	51,159
2009 .....	2,498	58.6	146,416	147.3	215,671	37,516
2010 .....	2,692	65.6	176,462	161.9	285,692	45,018
2011 .....	2,491	59.6	148,357	172.9	256,509	36,761

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<sup>2</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

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<sup>4</sup> Stocks held by producers.

## United States Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer: 2010 and 2011

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(cents per pound)					
Water white, extra white, and white .....	157.5	165.9	297.1	281.0	159.8	169.1
Extra light amber .....	151.1	161.3	266.3	307.6	157.6	168.3
Light amber, amber, and dark amber .....	148.9	163.9	330.5	340.7	167.0	178.8
All other honey, area specialties .....	172.1	180.5	471.4	511.9	208.1	217.1
All honey .....	154.1	164.3	311.6	328.4	161.9	172.9

## Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value- States and United States: 2010-2011

[Producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one States were counted in each State]

State	Honey Producing Colonies <sup>1</sup>		Yield per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>		Average Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>		Value of Production <sup>4</sup>	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(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	54	50	486	450	73	63	240	250	1,166	1,125
Arizona.....	24	23	77	53	1,848	1,219	665	427	152	150	2,809	1,829
Arkansas.....	25	22	60	64	1,500	1,408	360	239	147	161	2,205	2,267
California.....	410	370	67	48	27,470	17,760	6,318	3,730	155	161	42,579	28,594
Colorado.....	34	31	56	55	1,904	1,705	533	443	152	168	2,894	2,864
<b>Florida.....</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>10,980</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>21,528</b>	<b>18,117</b>
Georgia.....	55	65	46	43	2,530	2,795	152	196	167	161	4,225	4,500
Hawaii.....	10	9	77	74	770	666	239	246	275	471	2,118	3,137
Idaho.....	97	87	27	36	2,619	3,132	1,179	1,879	161	178	4,217	5,575
Illinois.....	9	7	41	50	369	350	92	98	278	398	1,026	1,393
Indiana.....	10	8	43	51	430	408	151	147	223	206	959	840
Iowa.....	27	25	49	62	1,323	1,550	463	961	192	195	2,540	3,023
Kansas.....	9	7	52	44	468	308	103	117	202	215	945	662
Kentucky.....	5	4	67	39	335	156	67	12	272	280	911	437
Louisiana.....	36	36	80	77	2,880	2,772	288	471	150	167	4,320	4,629
Maine.....	5	4	41	30	205	120	33	17	205	191	420	229
Michigan.....	71	74	58	64	4,118	4,736	1,524	2,084	167	176	6,877	8,335
Minnesota.....	128	120	66	53	8,448	6,360	1,774	2,099	155	159	13,094	10,112
Mississippi.....	16	18	98	115	1,568	2,070	78	104	144	153	2,258	3,167
Missouri.....	11	8	52	43	572	344	92	76	180	209	1,030	719
Montana.....	157	145	74	92	11,618	13,340	2,905	3,202	158	164	18,356	21,878
Nebraska.....	41	41	55	59	2,255	2,419	902	653	151	173	3,405	4,185
New Jersey.....	13	11	35	41	455	451	73	135	190	376	865	1,696
New Mexico.....	7	7	66	56	462	392	157	153	158	166	730	651
New York.....	45	49	64	56	2,880	2,744	1,123	1,235	196	193	5,645	5,296
North Carolina.....	13	14	46	62	598	868	144	95	266	282	1,591	2,448
North Dakota.....	510	460	91	71	46,410	32,660	12,995	7,512	150	166	69,615	54,216
Ohio.....	18	15	62	66	1,116	990	346	228	228	226	2,544	2,237
Oregon.....	59	60	39	34	2,301	2,040	874	755	163	174	3,751	3,550
Pennsylvania.....	30	24	37	44	1,110	1,056	377	306	213	242	2,364	2,556
South Dakota.....	265	250	58	66	15,370	16,500	4,765	4,290	151	165	23,209	27,225
Tennessee.....	8	7	63	44	504	308	106	68	250	298	1,260	918
Texas.....	100	78	72	58	7,200	4,524	792	633	151	177	10,872	8,007
Utah.....	26	23	30	39	780	897	195	170	153	175	1,193	1,570
Vermont.....	4	4	65	43	260	172	73	43	310	230	806	396
Virginia.....	5	4	37	40	185	160	37	21	332	400	614	640
Washington.....	71	71	37	38	2,627	2,698	1,077	836	157	176	4,124	4,748
West Virginia.....	5	4	40	53	200	212	40	45	239	242	478	513
Wisconsin.....	64	57	64	63	4,096	3,591	1,556	1,508	168	180	6,881	6,464
Wyoming.....	34	35	36	54	1,224	1,890	282	265	159	176	1,946	3,326
Other States <sup>5,6</sup> ...	26	25	45	46	1,168	1,156	221	211	281	286	3,282	3,306
United States <sup>6,7</sup> ..	2,692	2,491	65.6	59.6	176,462	148,357	45,018	36,761	161.9	172.9	285,692	256,509

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<sup>5</sup> Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and South Carolina not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>6</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

<sup>7</sup> United States value of production will not equal summaries of States.