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2001 Hawaii Honey Output Lower

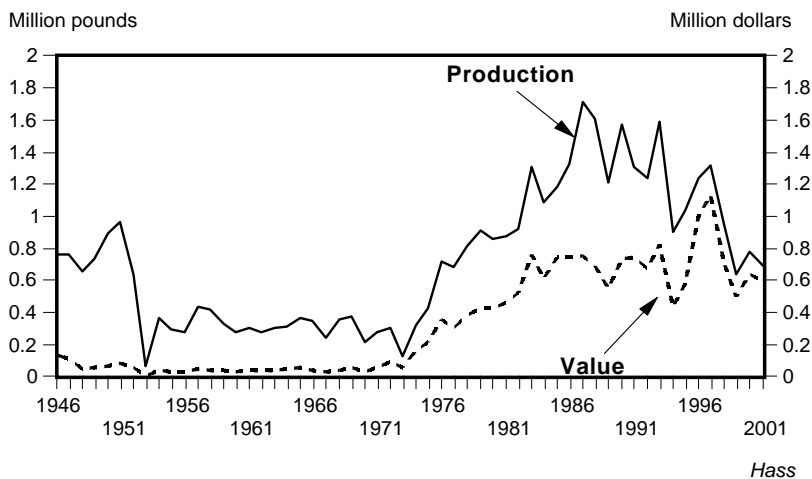
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Hawaii honey production is estimated at **696,000** pounds for 2001, declining 11 percent from the 2000 total, according to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*. Adverse conditions, mainly dry weather, continued to affect food sources, limiting foraging options and resulting in lower yields. The number of honey producing colonies totaled 8,000, up 1,000 from the previous year.

Honey yield per colony averaged 87 pounds compared to 112 pounds produced in 2000. Producers received an average 85.0 cents per pound in 2001, up 3 cents from the 2000 average. The smaller output caused the farm value to fall to \$592,000, down 8 percent from last year's value. In 2001, beeswax production amounted to 6,000 pounds, 25 percent below the previous year. The average price of beeswax was \$2.50 per pound, 50 cents more than 2000. Beeswax value totaled \$15,000, declining 6 percent from the previous year's total. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Honey: Production and Value
State of Hawaii 1946-2001



United States Honey Production Down 16 Percent

Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since 1989, when 181 million pounds was produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 64.8 million pounds on December 15, 2001, down 24 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Up 12 Percent

Prices for the 2001 crop averaged 66.9 cents per pound, up 12 percent from 59.7 cents in 2000. 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. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2001 were higher than the previous year for all marketing channels and all color classes except 'All Other Honey, Area Specialties'.

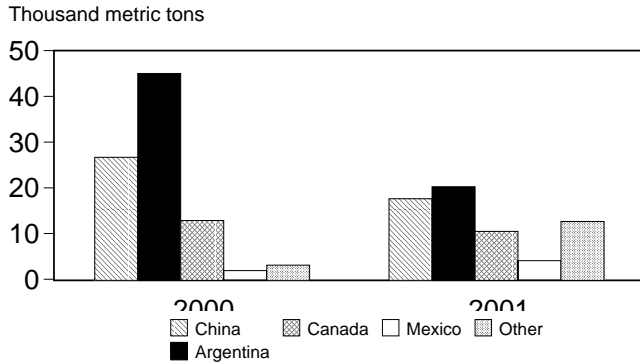
Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value, State of Hawaii, 1950-2001

Year	Honey producing colonies	Production		Yield per colony	Average price		Value of production	
		Honey (extracted)	Beeswax		Honey (extracted)	Beeswax	Honey (extracted)	Beeswax
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>----- 1,000 pounds -----</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	<i>----- Cents per pound -----</i>		<i>----- 1,000 dollars -----</i>	
1950	10	890	18	89	7.5	41	67	7
1951	11	968	13	88	8.5	52	82	7
1952	13	637	8	49	9.5	45	61	4
1953	10	70	7	7	10.4	40	7	3
1954	10	370	7	37	10.3	42	38	3
1955	8	296	8	37	11.2	46	33	4
1956	8	280	6	35	11.5	53	32	3
1957	8	432	9	54	10.8	59	47	5
1958	8	416	7	52	10.1	46	42	3
1959	7	329	6	47	11.3	41	37	2
1960	7	280	5	40	11.4	44	32	2
1961	7	301	5	43	14.7	42	44	2
1962	7	280	5	40	12.8	42	36	2
1963	7	308	5	44	12.6	42	39	2
1964	7	315	4	45	15.8	40	50	2
1965	6	366	9	61	14.6	45	53	4
1966	6	348	6	58	11.1	44	39	3
1967	6	246	4	41	11.0	63	27	3
1968	6	354	8	59	12.5	73	44	6
1969	5	375	7	75	14.3	68	54	5
1970	5	215	4	43	15.0	78	32	3
1971	4	276	6	69	21.7	65	60	4
1972	4	300	6	75	30.1	75	90	5
1973	3	132	5	44	44.1	90	58	5
1974	4	320	8	80	50.1	123	160	10
1975	6	426	16	71	51.4	110	219	18
1976	7	714	9	102	50.5	130	361	12
1977	7	679	11	97	45.4	126	308	14
1978	7	812	11	116	47.6	183	387	20
1979	7	910	15	130	47.2	180	430	27
1980	7	861	20	123	49.6	172	427	34
1981	7	875	16	125	53.3	186	466	30
1982	8	920	14	115	56.5	210	520	29
1983	9	1,305	21	145	58.1	230	758	48
1984	9	1,089	17	121	56.1	195	611	33
1985	9	1,188	18	132	62.9	190	747	34
1986	9	1,323	18	147	56.0	155	741	28
1987	9	1,710	19	190	44.0	145	752	28
1988	9	1,611	24	179	43.0	132	693	32
1989	9	1,215	18	135	45.0	124	547	22
1990	10	1,570	17	157	47.0	119	738	20
1991	10	1,310	22	131	57.0	116	747	26
1992	9	1,242	29	138	54.0	115	671	33
1993	9	1,593	18	177	52.0	222	828	40
1994	9	900	15	100	48.0	167	432	25
1995	8	1,032	16	129	56.0	106	578	17
1996	8	1,240	18	155	81.0	217	1,004	39
1997	9	1,314	17	146	86.0	224	1,130	38
1998	8	944	15	118	75.0	173	708	26
1999	8	640	15	80	80.0	173	512	26
2000	7	784	8	112	82.0	200	643	16
2001	8	696	6	87	85.0	250	592	15

United States Honey Imports Down 27 Percent

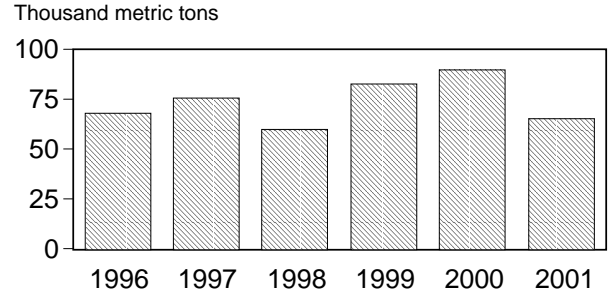
U.S. honey imports totaled 65.7 thousand metric tons in 2001, down 27 percent from the 2000 total. The value of 2001 imports pegged at \$71.6 million, decreasing 20 percent from 2000. Most of the decline was due to lower imports from Argentina.

U.S. Honey Imports by Country of Origin, 2000-2001



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

U.S. Honey Imports by Year, 1996-2001



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