



# HAWAII HONEY

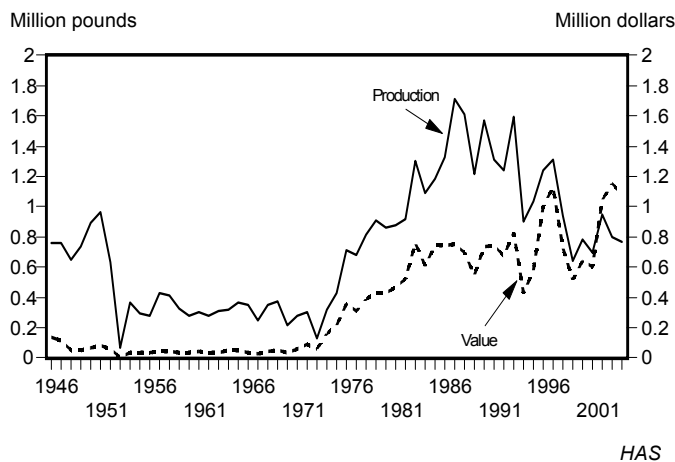
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## 2004 Hawaii Honey Production and Value Lower

**Honey: Production and Value**  
State of Hawaii 1946-2004



In 2004, Hawaii honey production is estimated at **768,000** pounds, decreasing 4 percent from the 2003 total, according to the Hawaii Agricultural Statistics. Wet weather conditions limited food sources for bees, affecting honey output. The number of honey producing colonies totaled 8,000, up 1,000 from the previous year. Honey yield per colony averaged 96 pounds, down 18 pounds from 2003. Producers received an average \$1.41 per pound in 2004, down 4 cents from the 2003 record average. Farm value totaled \$1.1 million, down 6 percent from last year's value. In 2004, beeswax production amounted to 11,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The average price of beeswax was \$1.82 per pound, remaining the same as 2003. Beeswax value totaled \$20,000, unchanged from previous year. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## United States Honey Production Up 1 Percent

Honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2003. There were 2.56 million colonies producing honey in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. Yield per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, up 3 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2003. 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 61.2 million pounds on December 15, 2004, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

## Honey Prices Down 22 Percent

Honey prices decreased during 2004 to 108.5 cents, down 22 percent from 138.7 cents in 2003. 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 2004 were lower than the previous year for all color classes except the All Other Honey, Area Specialties class. Honey prices for 2003 crop honey reflect honey sold in 2003 and 2004.

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Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value, State of Hawaii, 1952-2003

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>	
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	<sup>1</sup> 77.0	173	<sup>1</sup> 727	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	87.0	233	606	14
2002	7	952	15	136	111.0	193	1,057	29
2003	7	798	11	114	145.0	182	1,157	20
2004	8	768	11	96	141.0	182	1,083	20

<sup>1</sup> Revised

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,  
and Value by State and United States, 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	12	87	1,044	282	140	1,462
AZ	32	55	1,760	774	115	2,024
AR	40	57	2,280	388	90	2,052
CA	390	45	17,550	5,792	101	17,726
CO	23	80	1,840	791	148	2,723
FL	205	98	20,090	2,009	100	20,090
GA	63	49	3,087	648	118	3,643
HI	8	96	768	77	141	1,083
ID	100	63	6,300	2,520	101	6,363
IL	7	55	385	193	193	743
IN	7	59	413	145	158	653
IA	35	67	2,345	1,337	128	3,002
KS	14	80	1,120	683	123	1,378
LA	35	98	3,430	240	79	2,710
ME	7	31	217	37	127	276
MI	65	67	4,355	2,439	117	5,095
MN	135	75	10,125	1,924	104	10,530
MS	18	65	1,170	421	80	936
MO	16	41	656	151	137	899
MT	140	77	10,780	3,773	106	11,427
NE	51	89	4,539	2,043	107	4,857
NV	14	55	770	316	330	2,541
NJ	12	27	324	45	138	447
NM	8	44	352	127	122	429
NY	64	67	4,288	1,887	133	5,703
NC	9	40	360	72	218	785
ND	390	78	30,420	9,126	105	31,941
OH	16	58	928	353	150	1,392
OR	42	54	2,268	1,111	124	2,812
PA	30	54	1,620	810	138	2,236
SD	215	105	22,575	13,545	106	23,930
TN	6	54	324	91	172	557
TX	116	76	8,816	1,411	96	8,463
UT	23	70	1,610	531	104	1,674
VT	6	68	408	192	145	592
VA	7	38	266	69	213	567
WA	56	63	3,528	1,376	103	3,634
WV	9	55	495	183	142	703
WI	68	86	5,848	2,632	133	7,778
WY	39	75	2,925	380	109	3,188
Oth Sts <sup>4 5</sup>	23	52	1,203	298	228	2,746
US <sup>5 6</sup>	2,556	71.8	183,582	61,222	108.5	201,790

<sup>1</sup> For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Prices weighted by sales.

<sup>4</sup> CT, DE, KY, MD, MA, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>5</sup> Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. value of production is U.S. production multiplied by U.S. price per pound.

# United States Honey Imports Down

U.S. honey imports totaled 81.0 thousand metric tons in 2004, compared to 92.2 thousand metric tons in 2003. The value of 2004 imports was down 33 percent from 2003 to \$140.2 million. Imports from many countries decreased from the previous year.

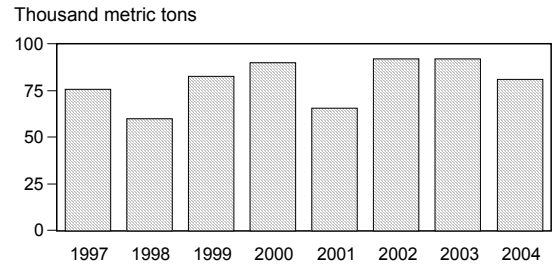
Subject description of general imports included are:

- 0409000025: Comb Honey and Honey Packaged for Retail Sales
- 0409000042: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, White
- 0409000044: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Extra Light Amber
- 0409000062: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Light Amber
- 0409000064: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Neso

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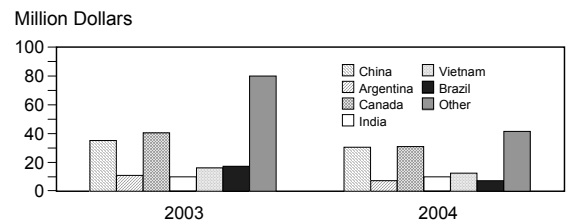
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## U.S. Honey Imports by Year, 1997-2004



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

## U.S. Honey Imports by Country of Origin, 2003-2004



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