



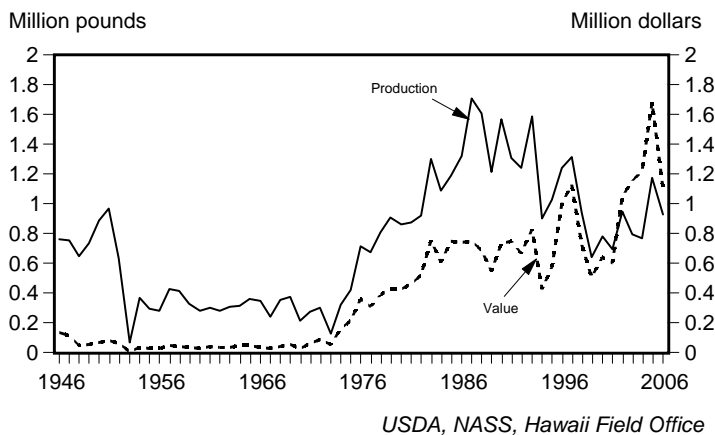
# HAWAII HONEY

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## 2006 Hawaii Honey Production Lower

### Honey: Production and Value State of Hawaii 1946-2006



Hawaii honey production is estimated at 930,000 pounds, 21 percent less than 2005, according to the Hawaii Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Approximately six weeks of rainfall from late February thru March occurred throughout the State. The virtually non-stop rain hindered pollen gathering efforts of honey bees. The number of honey producing colonies totaled 10,000, up 1,000 from the previous year. Honey yield per colony averaged 93 pounds, down 29 percent from 2005. Producers received an average \$1.19 per pound in 2006, down 17 percent from the revised 2005 price. Farm value totaled \$1.1 million, 34 percent lower than last year's revised value. In 2006, beeswax production amounted to 29,000 pounds, 19,000 pounds more than last year. The average price of beeswax was \$2.38 per pound, 31 percent higher than 2005. Beeswax value totaled \$69,000. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## United States Honey Production Down 11 Percent

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 1 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 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

## United States Honey Prices Up 14 Percent

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 weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2006 were up from the previous year for all color class totals.

**Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value,  
State of Hawaii, 1946-2006 -- Continued**

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>	
1946	7.2	761	15	106	18.0	47	137	7
1947	8.7	758	15	87	15.0	44	114	7
1948	9.0	652	12	72	8.0	43	52	5
1949	8.5	738	12	87	7.5	38	55	5
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

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	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>----- 1,000 pounds -----</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	<i>----- Cents per pound -----</i>		<i>----- 1,000 dollars -----</i>	
1998	8	944	15	118	77.0	173	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	159.0	182	1,221	20
2005	9	1,179	10	131	143.0	182	1,686	18
2006	10	930	29	93	119.0	238	1,107	69

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value  
for Selected States and United States, 2006<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>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>----- 1,000 pounds -----</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
AR	32	76	2,432	730	105	2,554
AZ	30	65	1,950	839	139	2,711
CA	380	52	19,760	7,706	98	19,365
CO	36	75	2,700	1,458	139	3,753
FL	170	81	13,770	1,790	101	13,908
GA	63	74	4,662	746	116	5,408
<b>HI</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,107</b>
IA	26	84	2,184	1,441	115	2,512
ID	95	44	4,180	2,592	86	3,595
LA	30	90	2,700	675	89	2,403
MI	72	55	3,960	2,099	128	5,069
MN	125	80	10,000	3,300	89	8,900
MS	14	98	1,372	453	105	1,441
MT	132	79	10,428	1,981	100	10,428
ND	350	74	25,900	7,770	90	23,310
NE	47	73	3,431	3,843	104	3,568
NY	60	64	3,840	2,458	138	5,299
OR	46	48	2,208	729	111	2,451
PA	28	40	1,120	605	161	1,803
SD	225	47	10,575	10,575	82	8,672
TX	82	70	5,740	976	87	4,994
WA	49	52	2,548	1,605	119	3,032
WI	64	93	5,952	2,500	114	6,785
WY	39	85	3,315	497	88	2,917
Oth Sts <sup>4,5</sup>	187	49.1	9,189	2,927	2,519	15,329
U.S. <sup>5</sup>	2,392	64.7	154,846	60,528	104.2	161,314

<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> Includes all other States not published separately.

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

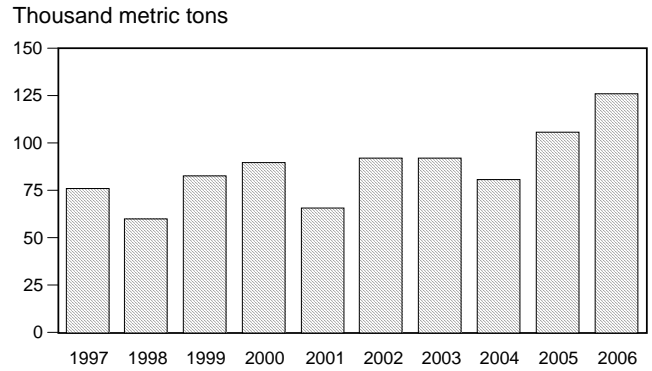
## United States Honey Imports Up 19 Percent

U.S. honey imports totaled 126,000 metric tons in 2006, compared to 105,700 metric tons in 2005. The value of 2006 imports totaled \$172.9 million, up 38 percent from 2005's value of \$125.5 million. Imports from many countries increased from the previous year.

Subject description of general imports included are:

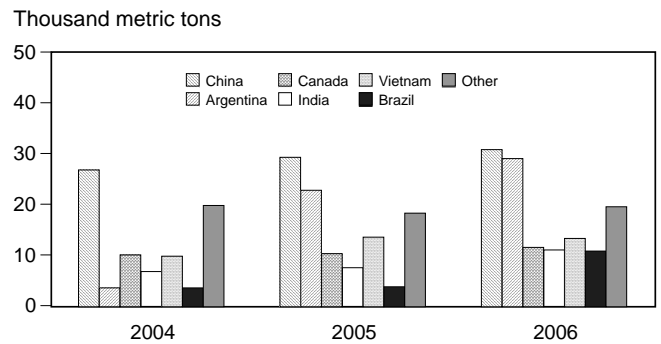
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 0409000044: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Extra Light Amber  
 0409000062: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Light Amber  
 0409000064: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Neso

## U.S. Honey Imports by Year, 1997-2006



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

## U.S. Honey Imports, by Country of Origin, 2004-2006



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

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