



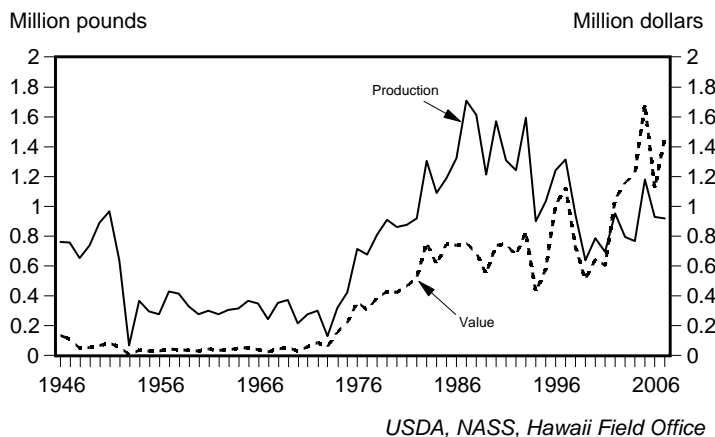
HAWAII HONEY

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2007 Hawaii Honey Production Lower

Honey: Production and Value State of Hawaii 1946-2007



Hawaii honey production is estimated at 920,000 pounds, 1 percent less than 2006, according to the Hawaii Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of honey producing colonies totaled 10,000, unchanged from the previous year. Honey yield per colony averaged 92 pounds, down 1 percent from 2006. Beekeepers on Oahu encountered the varroa mite in early April. Previously, Hawaii was one of the few places known to be free of the varroa mite. Some operations reported being negatively impacted by the mites. In other areas of the State, prolonged dry periods reduced food sources for bees resulting in less than optimal conditions for honey production.

Honey producers received an average \$1.58 per pound in 2007 which was 31 percent higher than the revised 2006 price. Farm value totaled \$1.5 million, 29 percent higher than last year's revised value. Beeswax value totaled \$18,000. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States Honey Production Down 4 Percent

Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. 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 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

United States Honey Price Down Slightly

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. 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 2006 crop reflect honey sold in 2006 and 2007.

**Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value,
State of Hawaii, 1946-2007**

| 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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**Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value,
State of Hawaii, 1946-2007 -- 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> | |
| 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 | 121.0 | 205 | 1,125 | 59 |
| 2007 | 10 | 920 | 6 | 92 | 158.0 | 294 | 1,454 | 18 |

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value
for Selected States and United States, 2007¹**

| State | Honey producing colonies ² | Yield per colony | Production | Stocks Dec 15 ³ | Average price per pound ⁴ | Value of production ⁵ |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | <i>Thousands</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>----- 1,000 pounds -----</i> | | <i>Cents</i> | <i>1,000 dollars</i> |
| AR | 28 | 80 | 2,240 | 717 | 95 | 2,128 |
| AZ | 30 | 64 | 1,920 | 902 | 118 | 2,266 |
| CA | 340 | 40 | 13,600 | 3,672 | 104 | 14,144 |
| CO | 33 | 51 | 1,683 | 892 | 112 | 1,885 |
| FL | 160 | 71 | 11,360 | 1,363 | 99 | 11,246 |
| GA | 60 | 58 | 3,480 | 522 | 114 | 3,967 |
| HI | 10 | 92 | 920 | 285 | 158 | 1,454 |
| ID | 92 | 41 | 3,772 | 1,848 | 108 | 4,074 |
| IA | 26 | 81 | 2,106 | 1,221 | 126 | 2,654 |
| LA | 29 | 89 | 2,581 | 413 | 108 | 2,787 |
| MI | 72 | 64 | 4,608 | 2,350 | 114 | 5,253 |
| MN | 130 | 68 | 8,840 | 2,564 | 99 | 8,752 |
| MT | 135 | 68 | 9,180 | 2,203 | 94 | 8,629 |
| ND | 420 | 74 | 31,080 | 9,013 | 92 | 28,594 |
| NE | 45 | 49 | 2,205 | 1,477 | 98 | 2,161 |
| NY | 56 | 57 | 3,192 | 1,947 | 142 | 4,533 |
| OH | 14 | 61 | 854 | 376 | 175 | 1,495 |
| OR | 44 | 43 | 1,892 | 1,041 | 121 | 2,289 |
| PA | 25 | 42 | 1,050 | 326 | 163 | 1,712 |
| SD | 255 | 52 | 13,260 | 10,608 | 93 | 12,332 |
| TX | 105 | 82 | 8,610 | 1,550 | 95 | 8,180 |
| WA | 46 | 44 | 2,024 | 648 | 125 | 2,530 |
| WI | 60 | 84 | 5,040 | 3,024 | 115 | 5,796 |
| WY | 43 | 80 | 3,440 | 894 | 103 | 3,543 |
| Oth Sts ^{6,7} | 184 | 51.9 | 9,545 | 2,628 | 164.2 | 15,672 |
| U.S. ^{7,8} | 2,442 | 60.8 | 148,482 | 52,484 | 103.2 | 153,233 |

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

² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by an average price per pound.

⁶ Includes all other States not published separately.

⁷ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁸ Summation of States will not equal U.S. level value of production.

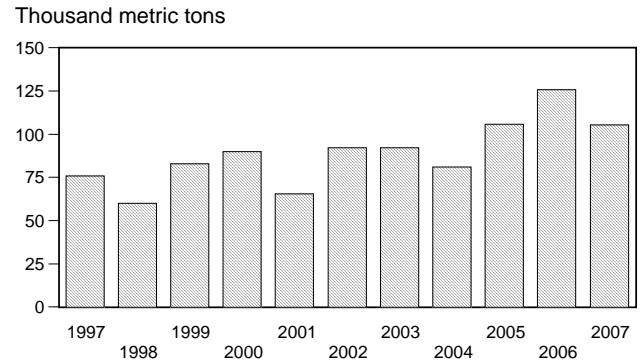
United States Honey Imports Down 16 Percent

U.S. honey imports totaled 105,000 metric tons in 2007, compared to 126,000 metric tons in 2006. The value of 2007 imports totaled \$162.8 million, down 6 percent from 2006's value of \$172.8 million.

Subject description of general imports included are:

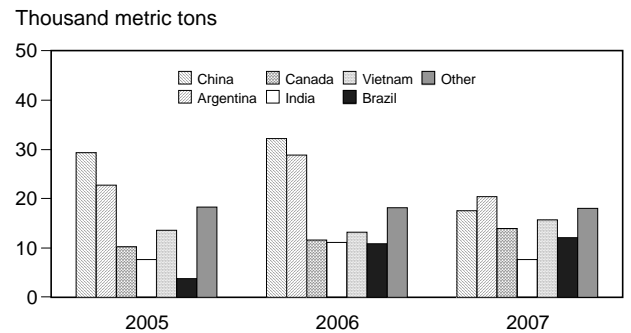
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 0409000044: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Extra Light Amber
 0409000062: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Light Amber
 0409000064: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Nesoï

U.S. Honey Imports by Year, 1997-2007



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

U.S. Honey Imports, by Country of Origin, 2005-2007



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

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