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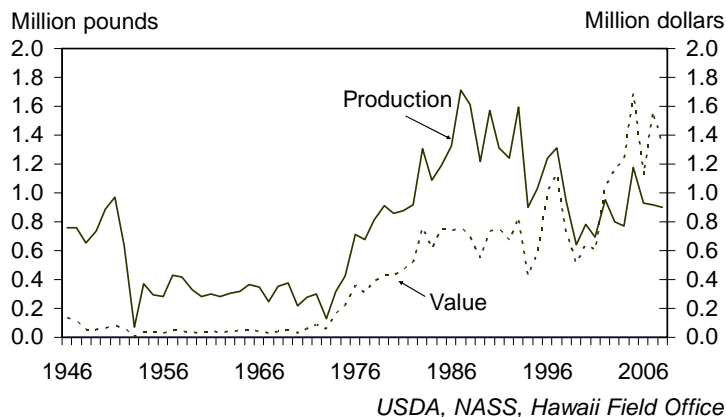
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2008 Hawaii Honey Production Down

**Honey: Production and Value,
State of Hawaii, 1946-2008**



Hawaii honey production is estimated at 900,000 pounds, 2 percent less than 2007, 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 90 pounds, down 2 percent from 2007. Beekeepers on Oahu continued to battle the varroa mite since its detection in April 2007. In August 2008, the mites were discovered on the Big Island. Operators cited the varroa mite infestation and the extreme dry weather as contributing factors to the decrease in honey production during the year.

Honey producers received an average \$1.48 per pound in 2008 which was 13 percent lower than the revised 2007 price. Farm value totaled \$1.3 million, 15 percent lower than last year's revised value. Beeswax value totaled \$31,000. The value of queen bee sales was not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States Honey Production Up 8 Percent

Honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 161 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2007. There were 2.30 million colonies producing honey in 2008, down 6 percent from 2007. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 15 percent from the 60.7 pounds in 2007. 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 50.4 million pounds on December 15, 2008, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

United States Honey Prices Record High

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2008 to 141.0 cents, up 31 percent from 107.7 cents in 2007. 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. Honey prices for 2008 were up from the previous year for all color classes and marketing channels. Prices for the 2007 crop reflect honey sold in 2007 and 2008. Some 2007 crop honey was sold in 2008, which caused some revisions to the 2007 crop prices.

**Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value,
State of Hawaii, 1957-2008**

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>	
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	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	170.0	294	1,564	18
2008	10	900	12	90	148.0	261	1,332	31

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value
for Selected States and United States, 2008¹**

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>
AL	9	66	594	214	186	1,105
AZ	25	64	1,600	336	125	2,000
AR	28	75	2,100	525	131	2,751
CA	360	51	18,360	4,039	141	25,888
CO	27	45	1,215	656	150	1,823
FL	150	79	11,850	1,304	130	15,405
GA	55	71	3,905	312	149	5,818
HI	10	90	900	225	148	1,332
ID	90	40	3,600	1,440	142	5,112
IL	8	56	448	116	246	1,102
IN	6	67	402	129	161	647
IA	24	62	1,488	580	156	2,321
KS	10	61	610	128	152	927
KY	4	39	156	27	236	368
LA	29	77	2,233	246	133	2,970
ME	7	42	294	79	150	441
MI	71	73	5,183	2,021	143	7,412
MN	122	78	9,516	2,569	139	13,227
MS	14	98	1,372	110	130	1,784
MO	11	53	583	152	178	1,038
MT	134	70	9,380	4,596	137	12,851
NE	36	67	2,412	1,254	142	3,425
NV	10	29	290	52	237	687
NJ	9	40	360	122	158	569
NM	6	48	288	95	148	426
NY	50	70	3,500	1,260	150	5,250
NC	12	52	624	137	212	1,323
ND	390	90	35,100	8,424	135	47,385
OH	14	53	742	371	188	1,395
OR	50	43	2,150	1,097	148	3,182
PA	23	48	1,104	276	165	1,822
SD	225	95	21,375	11,970	134	28,643
TN	7	61	427	149	204	871
TX	77	64	4,928	1,380	134	6,604
UT	28	48	1,344	242	156	2,097
VT	5	66	330	119	179	591
VA	6	42	252	45	218	549
WA	41	44	1,804	722	150	2,706
WV	6	43	258	49	198	511
WI	58	80	4,640	2,366	140	6,496
WY	39	61	2,379	381	137	3,259
Other Sts ^{6,7}	15	51	765	130	229	1,752
U.S. ^{7,8}	2,301	69.9	160,861	50,445	141	226,814

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 CT, DE MD, MA, NJ, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.

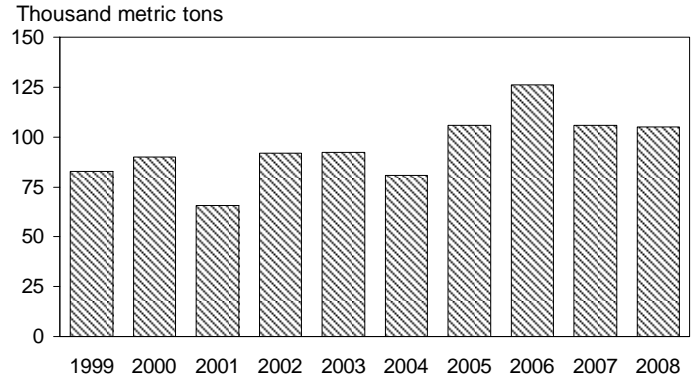
United States Honey Imports Down 16 Percent

U.S. honey imports totaled 105,000 metric tons in 2008, compared to 106,000 metric tons in 2007. The value of 2008 imports totaled \$220.3 million, up 35 percent from 2007's value of \$162.8 million.

Subject description of general imports included are:

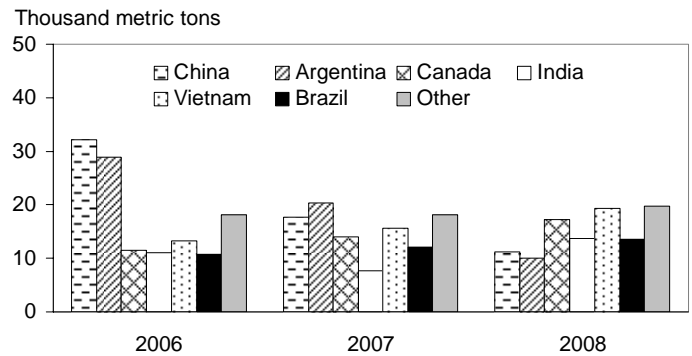
- 0409000025: Comb Honey and Honey Packaged for Retail Sales
- 0409000042: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, White
- 0409000044: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Extra Light Amber
- 0409000062: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, Light Amber
- 0409000064: Natural Honey, Not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

U.S. Honey Imports by Year, 1999-2008



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

U.S. Honey Imports, by Country of Origin, 2006-2008



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

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