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1997 Honey Production Up, Price at a Record High

Hawaii honey production is estimated at 1.3 million pounds for 1997, an increase of 6 percent above the 1996 total, according to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*. The number of colonies producing honey totaled 9,000 colonies, 1,000 more than 1996. Only colonies producing honey are included. Most of the State's honey was produced on Hawaii island. Honey yield per colony averaged 146 pounds, 9 pounds less than

last year's average. Producers received a record high 86.0 cents per pound, a nickel more than the revised 1996 average. The higher prices and production boosted the value of honey production to \$1.1 million, also a record, and 13 percent above the 1996 value.

Beeswax production decreased 1,000 pounds from 1996 to 17,000 pounds in 1997. The average price was \$2.24 per pound, 7 cents above the 1996 total. Beeswax value totaled \$38,000 compared to \$39,000 generated the previous year. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

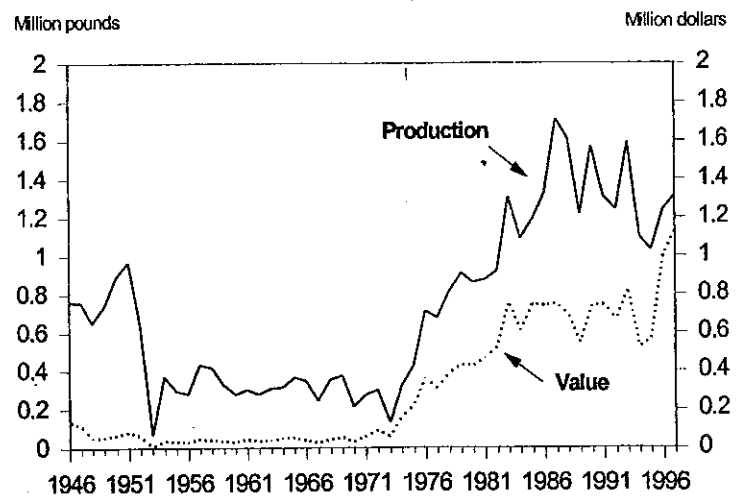
United States Honey Production Down 3 Percent

Honey production in 1997 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 192 million pounds, down 3 percent from 1996. There were 2.58 million colonies producing honey in 1997, compared with 2.56 million in 1996. Yield per colony averaged 74.6 pounds, down 2.7 pounds from the 77.3 pounds in 1996. Colonies which produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 69.1 million pounds on December 15, 1997, up 47 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Down 15 Percent

Prices for the 1997 crop averaged 75.2 cents per pound, down 15 percent from the previous record price of 88.8 cents in 1996. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the State level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting State average prices by the State quantities sold for each marketing channel. Coop and Private prices were lower for all color classes in 1997. Prices for 1996 reflect sales of the 1996 honey crop in 1996 and 1997.

Honey: Production and Value, State of Hawaii, 1946-97



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Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value, State of Hawaii, 1947-97

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>	
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	1,098	15	122	48.0	167	527	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

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value by State and United States, 1997 1/

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony Pounds	Production -- 1,000 Pounds --	Stocks :Dec 15 2/ -- 1,000 Pounds --	Average Price per Pound Cents	Value of Production 1,000 Dollars
AL	14	66	924	92	81	748
AZ	32	80	2,560	1,024	72	1,843
AR	40	95	3,800	2,774	70	2,660
CA	400	75	30,000	9,000	70	21,000
CO	35	55	1,925	982	82	1,579
FL	240	67	16,080	2,734	73	11,738
GA	75	46	3,450	587	79	2,726
HI	9	146	1,314	158	86	1,130
ID	120	64	7,680	2,304	72	5,530
IL	7	69	483	222	127	613
IN	8	71	568	352	113	642
IA	51	74	3,774	2,000	86	3,246
KS	17	71	1,207	688	81	978
KY	3	60	180	54	148	266
LA	38	115	4,370	656	70	3,059
ME	8	19	152	9	70	106
MD	6	40	240	65	159	382
MI	85	70	5,950	3,273	77	4,582
MN	145	73	10,585	2,011	74	7,833
MS	19	73	1,387	777	73	1,013
MO	24	77	1,848	517	78	1,441
MT	107	120	12,840	4,237	74	9,502
NE	61	67	4,087	2,738	77	3,147
NV	14	61	854	171	114	974
NJ	8	49	392	161	104	408
NM	15	60	900	396	87	783
NY	72	60	4,320	2,246	85	3,672
NC	8	58	464	139	119	552
ND	245	100	24,500	7,350	74	18,130
OH	22	80	1,760	827	85	1,496
OK	4	58	232	97	137	318
OR	47	53	2,491	1,445	79	1,968
PA	22	48	1,056	528	100	1,056
SD	240	65	15,600	8,736	74	11,544
TN	6	62	372	126	147	547
TX	94	106	9,964	3,188	75	7,473
UT	32	52	1,664	699	75	1,248
VT	5	63	315	249	83	261
VA	8	53	424	157	145	615
WA	54	52	2,808	1,348	76	2,134
WV	8	70	560	280	111	622
WI	79	60	4,740	2,797	90	4,266
WY	38	62	2,356	660	75	1,767
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Sts 3/:	14	83	1,162	205	145	1,685
US 4/ :	2,579	74.6	192,393	69,059	75.2	144,680

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. 2/ Stocks held by producers.
3/ CT, DE, MA, NH, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 4/ U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales. Total may not add due to rounding.

U.S. honey imports totaled 76.0 thousand metric tons in 1997, up 11 percent from the 1996 total. The value of 1997 imports pegged at \$120.3 million compared to 1996's value of \$110.7 million. Imports from Argentina accounted for 64 percent of the total. Almost half of the 1997 total honey imports was listed under the white color class.

Subject descriptions of general imports included in the 1997 total, by harmonized import number:

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

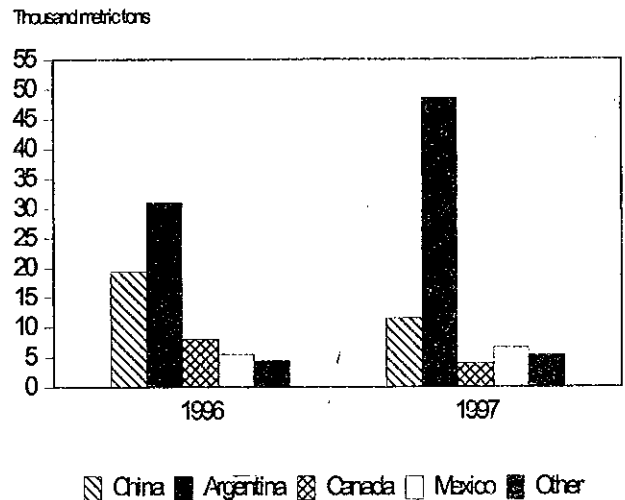
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U.S. Honey Imports by Country of Origin, 1996-97



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