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1998 Honey Production and Price Down

Hawaii honey production is estimated at **944,000** pounds for 1998, down 28 percent from the 1997 total, according to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*. Dry weather during the year was the main contributing factor for the lower output. The number of colonies producing honey totaled 8,000 colonies, 1,000 less than 1997. Only colonies producing honey are included in this total. Most of the State's honey was produced on Hawaii island.

Honey yield per colony averaged 118 pounds, 28 pounds less than last year's average. Producers received an average 75.0 cents per pound in 1998, 11 cents lower than the 1997 average. The lower prices and production reduced the honey value to \$708,000, a decrease of 37 percent from the 1997 value.

Beeswax production decreased 2,000 pounds from 1997 to 15,000 pounds in 1998. The average price was \$1.73 per pound, 51 cents below the 1997 total. Beeswax value totaled \$26,000 compared to \$38,000 generated the previous year. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

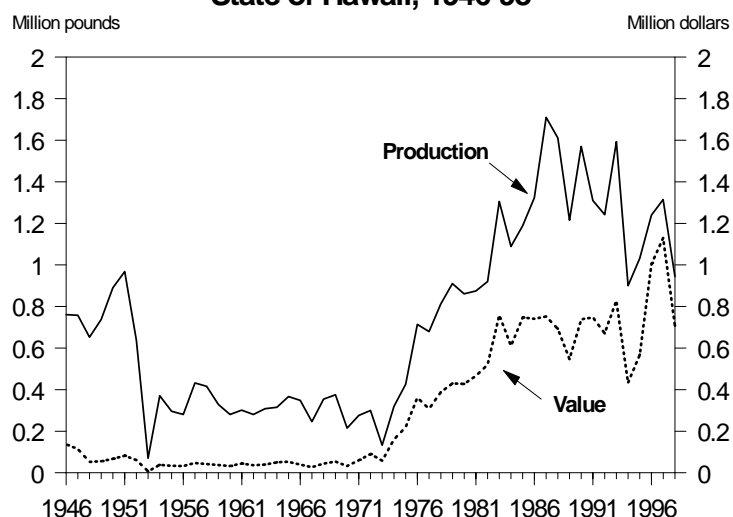
United States Honey Production Up 12 Percent

Honey production in 1998 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 220 million pounds, up 12 percent from 1997. There were 2.63 million colonies producing honey in 1998, up slightly from 1997. Yield per colony averaged 83.7 pounds, up 9.0 pounds from the 74.7 pounds in 1997. 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 80.8 million pounds on December 15, 1998, up 14 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Down 13 Percent

Prices for the 1998 crop averaged 65.5 cents per pound, down 13 percent from 75.2 cents in 1997. 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 quantities sold for each marketing channel. Coop and Private prices were lower for all color classes in 1998.

Honey: Production and Value, State of Hawaii, 1946-98



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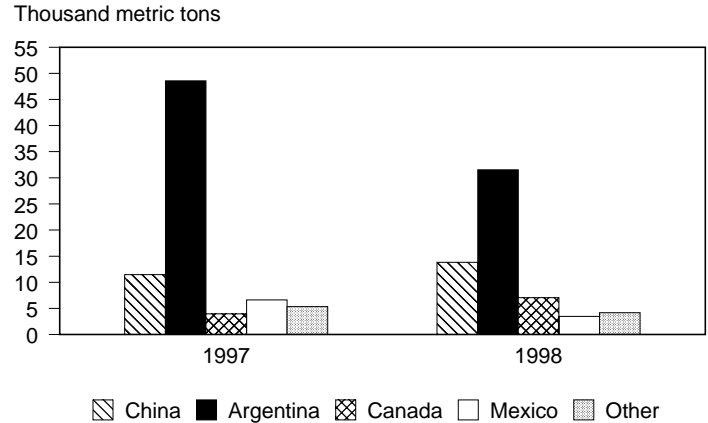
Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value, State of Hawaii, 1948-98

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>	
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
1998	8	944	15	118	75.0	173	708	26

United States Honey Imports Down 21 Percent

U.S. honey imports totaled 60.0 thousand metric tons in 1998, down 21 percent from the 1997 total. The value of 1998 imports pegged at \$77.8 million compared to 1997's value of \$120.3 million. Imports from Argentina accounted for 53 percent of the total. About 45 percent of the 1998 total honey imports was listed under the white color class, 0409000042.

U.S. Honey Imports by Country of Origin, 1997-98



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

Subject descriptions of general imports included in the 1998 total, by harmonized import number:

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

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