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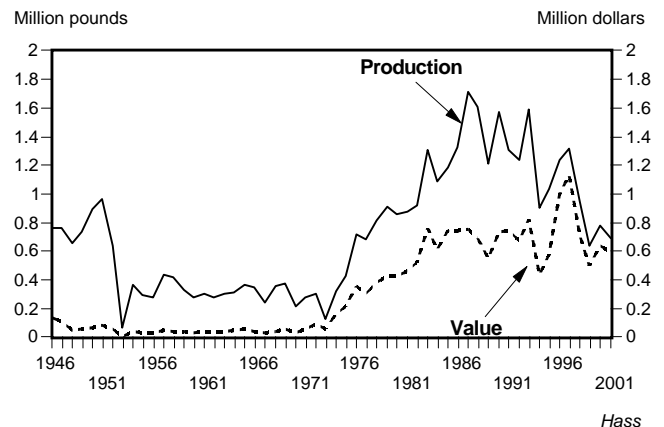
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1999 Hawaii Honey Production Lowest Since 1975

Hawaii honey production is estimated at **640,000** pounds for 1999, down 32 percent from the 1998 total and declining for the second year, according to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*. Prolonged dry weather conditions during the year was the main contributing

factor for the lower output. The number of colonies producing honey totaled 8,000 colonies, unchanged from the previous year. Only colonies producing honey are included in this total. Honey yield per colony dropped 38 pounds to average 80 pounds. Producers received an average 78.0 cents per pound in 1999, up 3 cents from the 1998 average. The lower production reduced the farm value to \$499,000, down 30 percent from the 1998 value. In 1999, beeswax production remained unchanged from the previous year at 15,000 pounds. The average price was \$1.73 per pound, unchanged from the 1998 total. Beeswax value totaled \$26,000 remaining the same as last years total. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Honey: Production and Value
State of Hawaii 1946-2001



United States Honey Production Down 7 Percent

Honey production in 1999 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 205 million pounds, down 7 percent from 1998. There were 2.69 million colonies producing honey in 1999, up 2 percent from 1998. Yield per colony averaged 76.3 pounds, down 7.4 pounds from the 83.7 pounds in 1998. 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 79.4 million pounds on December 15, 1999, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

United States Honey Prices Down 8 Percent

Prices for the 1999 crop averaged 59.9 cents per pound, down 8 percent from 65.5 cents in 1998. 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 1999.

World Honey Situation and Outlook in Selected Countries

Honey production in six major producing countries in 1999 is forecast at 459,500 metric tons, an increase of 3 percent from the 1998 output. Two of the world's largest honey producers, China and Argentina, are expecting higher production, which will more than offset production declines in the United States and Canada. China, the world's largest honey producer, is expected to recover from a significant production decline in 1998, rising 16 percent to 180,000 metric tons. Honey exports for 1999 from selected countries are forecast to increase by about 6 percent to 215,000 metric tons. Argentina is forecast to increase exports in 1999 to 75,000 tons, as domestic production is forecast at record levels. Production in the United States is forecast to decrease by 10 percent to 90,000 tons due to unfavorable weather conditions in 1999. U.S. honey exports in 1999 are forecast at 4,000 tons. Major U.S. markets are Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Canada, and Germany. U.S. imports in 1999 are forecast at 77,000 tons, an increase of 28 percent from the previous year's level.

Source: Foreign Agricultural Service, January 20, 2000

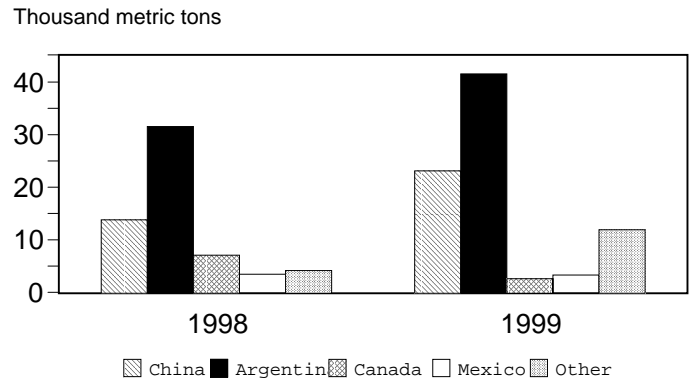
Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value, State of Hawaii, 1948-99

| 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 |
| 1999 | 8 | 640 | 15 | 80 | 78.0 | 173 | 499 | 26 |

United States Honey Imports Up 38 Percent

U.S. honey imports totaled 82.8 thousand metric tons in 1999, up 38 percent from the 1998 total. The value of 1999 imports pegged at \$86.6 million compared to 1998's value of \$77.8 million. Imports from Argentina accounted for 50 percent of the total. About 85 percent of the 1999 total honey imports was listed under the white color class, 0409000042 and light amber color class, 0409000062.

U.S. Honey Imports by Country of Origin, 1998-99



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

Subject descriptions of general imports included in the 1998-99 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 Packaged for Retail Sale, NESOI.

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