

bees and honey

Maryland honey production for 2004 was not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. U.S. honey production totaled 183.6 million pounds in 2004, up 1 percent from 2003. Honey prices, however, declined 22 percent from 2003 to an average \$1.085 per pound.



Maryland Honey: Production, Colonies, Stocks, and Value¹

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Colonies</i>	<i>Yield Per Colony</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Stocks December 15²</i>	<i>Average Price Per Pound</i>	<i>Value of Production</i>
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
2000	6	46	276	52	1.14	315
2001	4	46	184	55	1.60	294
2002	3	46	138	21	1.96	270
2003	2	42	84	21	1.93	162
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¹ For Producers with 5 or more colonies.

² Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan.

³ Data not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

aquaculture

Maryland producers raise a variety of fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants, including hybrid striped bass, catfish, trout, tilapia, yellow perch, largemouth bass, bluegill, oysters, clams, soft-shelled crabs, crayfish, ornamental fish and aquatic plants.

The total value of production in 2003 was \$3.4 million. Production was down from 2001, when producers raised and sold \$3.81 million worth of aquatic plants and animals. The decrease was due primarily to reduced production and market value of certain finfish.

2003 Aquaculture Production and Sales

<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Amount Produced</i>	<i>Value of Sales</i>
			<i>Dollars</i>
Finfish¹	<i>pound</i>	140,100	144,100
Shellfish²	<i>each</i>	15,670,000	241,500
Ornamental species			
Ornamental fish	<i>each</i>	6,808,800	740,600
Aquatic plants	<i>each</i>	1,086,800	2,262,100
Total			3,388,300

¹ Finfish include hybrid striped bass, trout, tilapia, largemouth bass, bluegill, and minnows.

² Shellfish include market oysters and clams, seed oysters and clams, soft-shelled crabs and crayfish.