

bees and honey

Maryland honey production is no longer published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. U.S. honey production totaled 175 million pounds in 2005, down 5 percent from 2004. Honey prices, however, declined 15 percent during 2005 to an average \$0.904 per pound.



Maryland Honey: Production, Colonies, Stocks, and Value¹

Year	Number of Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
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.

2004 Aquaculture Production and Sales

Description	Unit	Amount Produced	Value of Sales
			<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.