

HONEY

Honey production from Maine and Vermont producers with five or more colonies totaled 545,000 pounds in 2009, a decrease of 13 percent from 2008. Yields from Maine's and Vermont's 11,000 colonies averaged 50 pounds of honey per colony in 2009, compared

with 54 pounds a year earlier. Total value of production for the two states totaled \$1.14 million, down 4 percent from the previous year. Nationwide, 2009 honey production totaled 144 million pounds, a reduction of 12 percent from 2008.

HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value, and Stocks, 2000 – 2009 ¹

State and Year	Honey Producing Colonies ²	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks as of December 15 ³	Average Price per Pound ⁴	Value of Production ⁵
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
2000	11	21	231	143	75	173
2001	11	20	220	106	79	174
2002	11	41	451	266	121	546
2003	8	33	264	145	141	372
2004	7	31	217	37	128	278
2005	8	26	208	193	166	345
2006	11	23	253	86	160	405
2007	9	26	234	59	132	309
2008	7	42	294	79	157	462
2009	6	50	300	51	186	558
Vermont						
2000	7	59	413	211	68	281
2001	7	81	567	249	92	522
2002	7	89	623	274	120	748
2003	7	83	581	163	196	1,139
2004	6	68	408	192	151	616
2005	6	91	546	169	112	612
2006	6	56	336	144	120	403
2007	5	64	320	96	170	544
2008	5	66	330	119	220	726
2009	5	49	245	69	236	578
Other States ^{6,7}						
2000	18	40	728	288	178	1,297
2001	8	38	303	137	233	707
2002	9	50	453	216	229	1,036
2003	8	44	352	166	289	1,017
2004	15	51	765	222	242	1,851
2005	15	43	645	268	241	1,554
2006	16	42	672	249	238	1,599
2007	15	48	720	230	266	1,915
2008	16	51	817	163	234	1,912
2009	15	51	768	127	280	2,150
United States ⁷						
2000	2,622	84	220,286	85,244	60	132,865
2001	2,550	73	186,051	64,901	71	132,989
2002	2,574	67	171,718	39,393	133	228,338
2003	2,599	70	181,724	40,785	139	252,051
2004	2,554	72	183,494	61,203	109	199,641
2005	2,409	73	174,614	62,455	92	160,994
2006	2,394	65	154,910	60,484	101	155,685
2007	2,443	61	148,341	52,635	108	159,763
2008	2,342	70	163,789	51,159	142	232,744
2009	2,462	59	144,108	37,153	145	208,236

¹ For producers with five or more honey producing colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year including colonies which did not survive the entire year.

³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁶ CT, DE, MD, MA, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

⁷ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.