

HONEY

Honey production from Maine and Vermont producers with five or more colonies totaled 376,000 pounds in 2012, an increase of 29 percent from 2011. Yields from the 8,000 colonies producing honey in Maine and Vermont averaged 47 pounds in 2012, up from

37 pounds a year earlier. Total value of production for the two states totaled \$868,000, up 37 percent from the previous year. Nationwide, the value of 2012 honey production totaled \$287 million, a 10 percent increase from the previous year.

HONEY: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, 2003 – 2012 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						
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	195	585
2010	5	41	205	33	205	420
2011	4	30	120	17	198	238
2012	4	34	136	24	225	306
Vermont						
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	201	492
2010	4	65	260	73	310	806
2011	4	43	172	43	231	397
2012	4	60	240	53	234	562
Other States ^{6,7}						
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	26	52	1,348	194	237	3,195
2010	26	45	1,168	221	281	3,282
2011	25	46	1,156	211	299	3,456
2012	31	47	1,444	172	304	4,390
United States ⁷						
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	2,498	59	146,416	37,516	147	215,671
2010	2,692	66	176,462	45,018	162	285,692
2011	2,491	60	148,357	36,761	177	261,850
2012	2624	56	147,092	32,922	195	286,976

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 AK, CT, DE, MD, MA, NV, 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.