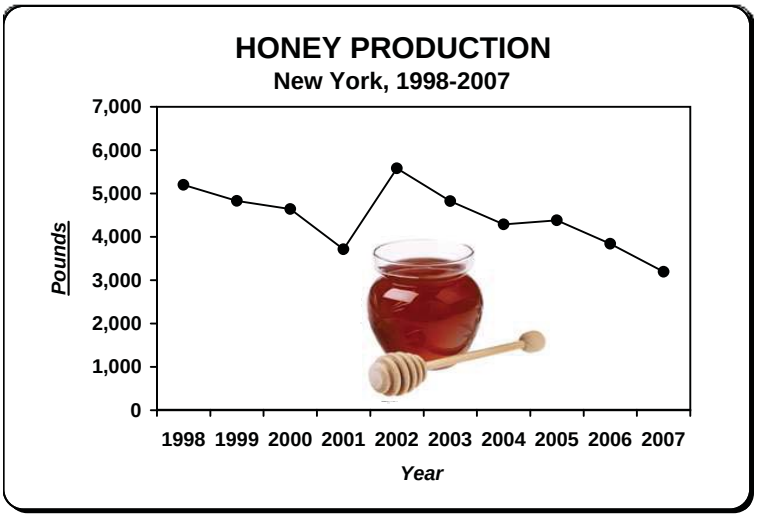
HONEY

Honey production from beekeepers with five or more hives in New York totaled 3.19 million pounds during 2007. This total is down 17 percent from the 2006 production of 3.84 million pounds.

The 2007 production was extracted from 56,000 colonies, down 7 percent from the 60,000 colonies in 2006. Honey yield per colony averaged 57 pounds, 11 percent below the 2006 yield. Honey stocks on hand across the State as of December 15, 2007 totaled 1.95 million pounds, a decrease of 21 percent from the 2.46 million pounds a year earlier.



Prices received by beekeepers in New York averaged $1.42 per pound for all methods of sale during 2007, 9 percent more than the 2006 average price. Value of honey production for the State in 2007 totaled $4.53 million, compared with $4.99 million in 2006.

Table 68. HONEY: Production and Value, New York, 1998-2007 1/

Year	Colonies of bees	Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Total value	Stocks on Dec. 15
	1,000	*Pounds*	*1,000 lbs.*	*Dollars*	*1,000 dol.*	*1,000 lb.*
1998	65	80	5,200	.70	3,640	2,444
1999	69	70	4,830	.66	3,188	2,077
2000	58	80	4,640	.55	2,552	2,274
2001	53	70	3,710	.79	2,931	1,781
2002	60	98	5,880	1.25	7,350	2,470
2003	67	72	4,824	1.36	6,561	1,640
2004	64	67	4,288	1.38	5,917	1,887
2005	60	73	4,380	1.38	6,044	2,321
2006	60	64	3,840	1.30	4,992	2,458
2007	56	57	3,192	1.42	4,533	1,947

1/ For apiaries with 5 or more colonies.