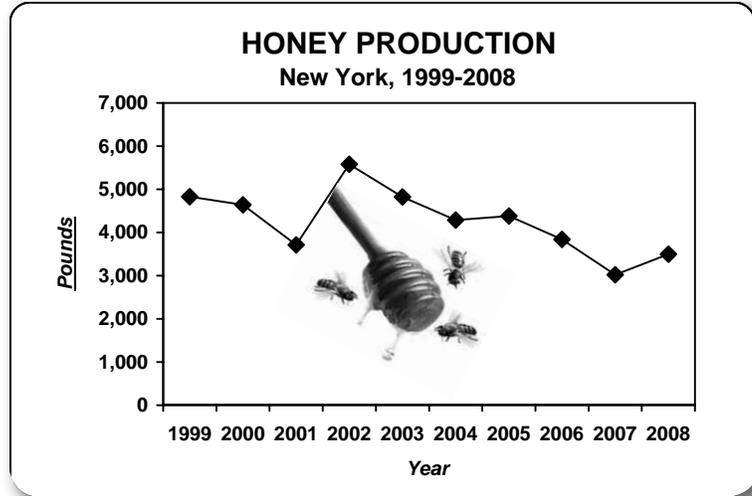


HONEY

Honey production from beekeepers with five or more hives in New York totaled 3.50 million pounds during 2008. This total is up 16 percent from the 2007 production of 3.02 million pounds.

The 2008 production was extracted from 50,000 colonies, down from the 53,000 colonies in 2007. Honey yield per colony averaged 70 pounds, 23 percent above the 2007 yield. Honey stocks on hand across the State as of December 15, 2008 totaled 1.26 million pounds, a decrease of 32 percent from the 1.84 million pounds a year earlier.



Prices received by beekeepers in New York averaged \$1.50 per pound for all methods of sale during 2008, 9 percent more than the 2007 average price. Value of honey production for the State in 2008 totaled \$5.25 million, compared with \$4.17 million in 2007.

Table 69. HONEY: Production and Value, New York, 1999-2008 ^{1/}

Year	Colonies of bees	Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Total value	Stocks on Dec. 15
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dol.</i>	<i>1,000 lb.</i>
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	53	57	3,021	1.38	4,169	1,843
2008	50	70	3,500	1.50	5,250	1,260

^{1/} For apiaries with 5 or more colonies.