

Honey Production, 2003

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Honey production for 2003 by producers with 5 or more hives totaled 1,350,000 pounds. Honey producers took honey from 27,000 colonies, with an average yield of 50 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 419,000 pounds.

The 2003 honey production is valued at 1,782,000 dollars. Pennsylvania ranks 23rd in the nation for honey production.

A sample of honey producers were surveyed in December for information on number of colonies, honey production, honey stocks on hand for sale, and prices received for honey sold.

Honey producers received an average price of \$1.32 per pound for the 2003 crop.

Pennsylvania: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 1989-2003¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound ²	Value of Production ³	Stocks Dec 15 ⁴
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dols.</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>
1989	41	39	1,599	62	991	560
1990	41	28	1,148	67	769	379
1991	40	45	1,800	70	1,260	594
1992	30	41	1,230	71	873	566
1993	28	40	1,120	64	717	605
1994	27	47	1,269	60	761	622
1995	25	43	1,075	73	785	376
1996	23	46	1,058	102	1,079	370
1997	22	48	1,056	100	1,056	528
1998	26	66	1,716	80	1,373	789
1999	28	60	1,680	76	1,277	790
2000	25	45	1,125	76	855	630
2001	26	57	1,482	87	1,363	785
2002	29	57	1,653	134	2,215	827
2003	27	50	1,350	132	1,782	419

¹For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. ² Prices weighed by sales.

³ Value of production based on final State marketing year average price. ⁴ Stocks held by producers.



Pennsylvania and Major States: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 2003¹

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Value of Production ³
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Dols.</i>
California	480	67	32,160	6,432	45,667
Florida	210	71	14,910	1,491	20,129
Georgia	52	65	3,380	270	4,326
Idaho	100	46	4,600	1,380	6,210
Iowa	32	59	1,888	868	2,738
Louisiana	34	90	3,060	275	3,794
Michigan	65	74	4,810	1,732	7,071
Minnesota	120	83	9,960	1,892	14,542
Montana	145	66	9,570	1,914	14,164
Nebraska	45	74	3,330	1,299	4,762
New York	67	72	4,824	1,640	6,754
North Dakota	340	87	29,580	6,803	40,229
Pennsylvania	27	50	1,350	419	1,782
South Dakota	200	70	14,000	2,520	20,440
Texas	140	67	9,380	1,126	13,320
Wisconsin	74	77	5,698	2,678	8,205
Other States	459	62.3	28,596	7,996	41,658
U. S. Total	2,590	69.9	181,096	40,735	255,791

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