

Honey Production, 2008

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Honey production for 2008 by producers with 5 or more colonies totaled 1,104,000 pounds, up 5 percent from 2007. Honey producers took honey from 23,000 colonies, with an average yield of 48 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 276,000 pounds, 15 percent less than the previous year.

Honey producers received an average price of \$1.65 per pound for the 2008 crop.

Total value of honey produced in 2008 honey is estimated at 1,822,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production. Pennsylvania is ranked 24rd in the nation for honey production for 2008.

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.

Pennsylvania: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 1970-2008 ¹

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>
1970	96	39	3,744	20	756	1,385
1980	80	41	3,280	70	2,296	1,181
1990	41	28	1,148	67	769	379
2000	25	45	1,125	76	855	630
2001	26	57	1,482	92	1,363	785
2002	29	57	1,653	134	2,215	827
2003	27	50	1,350	144	1,944	419
2004	30	54	1,620	142	2,300	810
2005	28	56	1,568	112	1,756	800
2006	28	40	1,120	163	1,826	605
2007	25	42	1,050	170	1,785	326
2008	23	48	1,104	165	1,822	276

¹ For 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, 2008 ¹

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>
CA	360	51	18,360	4,039	25,888
FL	150	79	11,850	1,304	15,405
GA	55	71	3,905	312	5,818
ID	90	40	3,600	1,440	5,112
MI	71	73	5,183	2,021	7,412
MN	122	78	9,516	2,569	13,227
MT	134	70	9,380	4,596	12,851
NE	36	67	2,412	1,254	3,425
NY	50	70	3,500	1,260	5,250
ND	390	90	35,100	8,424	47,385
OR	50	43	2,150	1,097	3,182
PA	23	48	1,104	276	1,822
SD	225	95	21,375	11,970	28,643
TX	77	64	4,928	1,380	6,604
WA	41	44	1,804	722	2,706
WI	58	80	4,640	2,366	6,496
Oth Sts ⁴	15	51	765	130	1,752
US	2,301	69.9	160,861	50,445	226,814

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³ Value of production based on final State marketing year average price. ⁴ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.