

Honey Production, 2009

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Honey production for 2009 by producers with 5 or more colonies totaled 840,000 pounds, down 23.9 percent from 2008. Honey producers took honey from 21,000 colonies, with an average yield of 40 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 319,000 pounds, 15.6 percent more than the previous year.

Honey producers received an average price of \$1.99 per pound for the 2009 crop.

Total value of honey produced in 2009 honey is estimated at 1,672,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production. Pennsylvania is ranked 21st the nation for honey production for 2009.

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, 1970-2009 ¹

Year	Honey producing colonies (1,000)	Yield per colony (pounds)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Average price per pound ² (cents)	Value of production ³ (1,000 dollars)	Stocks Dec 15 ⁴ (1,000 pounds)
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
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
2009	21	40	840	199	1,672	319

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, 2009 ¹

State	Honey Producing Colonies (1,000)	Yield Per Colony (pounds)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Stocks Dec 15 ² (1,000 pounds)	Value of Production ³ (1,000 dollars)
CA	355	33	11,715	2,109	16,284
FL	150	68	10,200	1,428	14,076
GA	65	41	2,665	346	3,918
ID	103	46	4,738	1,706	6,870
MI	66	60	3,960	1,505	5,980
MN	122	65	7,930	1,427	11,102
MT	146	70	10,220	3,577	14,819
NE	48	56	2,688	1,102	3,871
NY	47	65	3,055	978	5,591
ND	450	77	34,650	7,623	47,471
OR	55	34	1,870	767	2,786
PA	21	40	840	319	1,672
SD	270	66	17,820	6,237	24,770
TX	74	63	4,662	886	6,434
WA	62	44	2,728	1,064	4,065
WI	63	60	3,780	1,588	5,708
Oth Sts ⁴	15	51	768	127	2,150
US	2,462	58.5	144,108	37,153	208,236

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