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Pennsylvania honey production in 2011 (from producers with five or more hives) totaled 1,056,000 pounds, down 54,000 pounds from 2010. There were an estimated 24,000 colonies statewide, which was down 6,000 colonies from the previous year.

The average yield was 44 pounds per colony compared to 37 pounds in 2010. Total stocks of honey, as of

December 15, 2011, were 306,000 pounds, 71,000 pounds less than the previous year.

Honey producers in Pennsylvania received an average price of 242 cents per pound for the 2011 crop. Total value of honey produced in 2011 is estimated at 2,556,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production.

Pennsylvania: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Price, 1970-2011

Year	Honey producing colonies ¹ (1,000)	Yield per colony (pounds)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Stocks December 15 ² (1,000 pounds)	Average price per pound ³ (cents)	Value of production ⁴ (1,000 dollars)
1970	96	39	3,744	1,385	20	756
1980	80	41	3,280	1,181	70	2,296
1990	41	28	1,148	379	67	769
2000	25	45	1,125	630	76	855
2004	30	54	1,620	810	142	2,300
2005	28	56	1,568	800	112	1,756
2006	28	40	1,120	605	163	1,826
2007	25	42	1,050	326	170	1,785
2008	23	48	1,104	276	165	1,822
2009	21	40	840	319	203	1,705
2010	30	37	1,110	377	213	2,364
2011	24	44	1,056	306	242	2,556

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales. ⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

Pennsylvania and Major States¹: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 2011

State	Honey Producing Colonies ² (1,000)	Yield Per Colony (pounds)	Production ³ (1,000 pounds)	Stocks Dec 15 ⁴ (1,000 pounds)	Value of Production ⁵ (1,000 dollars)
Pennsylvania	24	44	1,056	306	2,556
North Dakota	460	71	32,660	7,512	54,216
California	370	48	17,760	3,730	28,594
South Dakota	250	66	16,500	4,290	27,225
Montana	145	92	13,340	3,202	21,878
Florida	180	61	10,980	988	18,117
Minnesota	120	53	6,360	2,009	10,112
Michigan	74	64	4,736	2,084	8,335
Texas	78	58	4,524	633	8,007
Wisconsin	57	63	3,591	1,508	6,464
Idaho	87	36	3,132	1,879	5,575
Georgia	65	43	2,795	196	4,500
Louisiana	36	77	2,772	471	4,629
New York	49	56	2,744	1,235	5,296
Washington	71	38	2,698	836	4,748
Nebraska	41	59	2,419	653	4,185
United States	2,491	59.6	148,357	36,761	256,509

¹ Major States – top 15 States based on production. ² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. ³ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. ⁴ Stocks held by producers. ⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.