

# Honey Production, 2013

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Pennsylvania honey production in 2013 (from producers with five or more hives) totaled 585,000 pounds, down 375,000 pounds from 2012. There were an estimated 13,000 colonies statewide, which was down 3,000 colonies from the previous year.

The average yield was 45 pounds per colony compared to 60 pounds the previous year. Total stocks of honey, as of

December 15, 2013, were 257,000 pounds, 12,000 pounds less than the previous year.

Honey producers in Pennsylvania received an average price of 298 cents per pound for the 2013 crop. Total value of honey produced in 2013 is estimated at 1,743,000 dollars for Pennsylvania production.

## Pennsylvania: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Price, 1970-2013

Year	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup> (1,000)	Yield per colony (pounds)	Production (1,000 pounds)	Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup> (1,000 pounds)	Average price per pound <sup>3</sup> (cents)	Value of production <sup>4</sup> (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
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
2012	16	60	960	269	257	2,467
2013	13	45	585	257	298	1,743

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers. <sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales. <sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

## Pennsylvania and Major States<sup>1</sup>: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 2013

State	Honey Producing Colonies <sup>2</sup> (1,000)	Yield Per Colony (pounds)	Production <sup>3</sup> (1,000 pounds)	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>4</sup> (1,000 pounds)	Value of Production <sup>5</sup> (1,000 dollars)
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1,743</b>
North Dakota	480	69	33,120	6,955	67,565
Montana	159	94	14,946	5,231	31,088
South Dakota	265	56	14,840	6,381	30,570
Florida	220	61	13,420	1,074	27,377
California	330	33	10,890	2,505	22,869
Minnesota	130	58	7,540	1,282	14,854
Texas	106	59	6,254	1,689	13,258
Louisiana	50	98	4,900	490	8,967
Michigan	85	55	4,675	982	9,958
Wisconsin	59	60	3,540	1,558	8,177
Georgia	67	50	3,350	637	7,504
Wyoming	47	66	3,102	558	6,545
Nebraska	46	60	2,760	1,628	5,686
Washington	69	39	2,691	1,023	5,947
Idaho	83	32	2,656	1,036	5,339
United States	2,640	56.6	149,499	38,160	317,087

<sup>1</sup> Major States – top 15 States based on production. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. <sup>4</sup> Stocks held by producers. <sup>5</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.