

Honey

Honey production from producers with 5 or more colonies in Wisconsin totaled 2.86 million pounds in 2014. This was a 19 percent decrease from the 3.54 million pounds produced in 2013. The number of honey producing colonies in the state fell from 59,000 colonies last year to 53,000 colonies in 2014. This number does not include producers with fewer than 5 colonies or producers who did not harvest honey. Colonies that produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where they produced honey. Yield per colony in Wisconsin averaged 54 pounds, down from 60 pounds per colony in 2013. This was the state's lowest yield since 1986. Wisconsin moved to fifteenth place nationally in honey production, down from tenth place last year.

On December 15, 2014, producer honey stocks in Wisconsin, excluding stocks under government loan programs, were 1.03 million pounds, a 34 percent decrease from 2013. The state's 2014 honey crop was valued at \$6.64 million, down 21 percent from the previous year's \$8.43 million. The average price per pound for all marketing channels in Wisconsin was \$2.32, down 6 cents from 2013.

Honey production in 2014 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 178 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2013. There were 2.74 million colonies producing honey in 2014, up 4 percent from 2013. Yield per colony averaged 65.1 pounds, up 15 percent from the 56.6 pounds in 2013. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 41.2 million pounds on December 15,

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2014, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2014 to 216.1 cents per pound, up 1 percent from 214.1 cents per pound in 2013. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2013 crop reflect honey sold in 2013 and 2014. Some 2013 crop honey was sold in 2014, which caused some revisions to the 2013 crop prices.

Honey – Selected States and United States: 2013 & 2014

State	Producing Colonies ¹		Yield		Production		Honey Stocks Dec 15 ²		Average Price per Pound ³		Value of Production ⁴	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000		pounds		1,000 lbs				cents		1,000 dollars	
California	330	320	33	39	10,890	12,480	2,505	2,995	211	203	22,978	25,334
Florida	220	245	61	60	13,420	14,700	1,074	1,029	203	208	27,243	30,576
Georgia	67	73	50	62	3,350	4,526	637	362	226	219	7,571	9,912
Iowa	39	35	48	43	1,872	1,505	1,217	933	245	251	4,586	3,778
Louisiana	50	48	98	84	4,900	4,032	490	524	189	226	9,261	9,112
Michigan	85	91	55	63	4,675	5,733	982	1,835	216	250	10,098	14,333
Minnesota	130	132	58	60	7,540	7,920	1,282	1,426	199	206	15,005	16,315
Montana	159	162	94	88	14,946	14,256	5,231	5,132	209	205	31,237	29,225
New York	55	60	48	55	2,640	3,300	1,030	1,518	212	272	5,597	8,976
North Dakota	480	490	69	86	33,120	42,140	6,955	9,271	204	200	67,565	84,280
South Dakota	265	280	56	87	14,840	24,360	6,381	5,846	207	209	30,719	50,912
Texas	106	116	59	78	6,254	9,048	1,689	2,081	210	223	13,133	20,177
Wisconsin	59	53	60	54	3,540	2,862	1,558	1,030	238	232	8,425	6,640
United States	2640	2,740	56.6	65.1	149,499	178,270	38,160	41,192	214.1	216.1	320,077	385,241

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 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.

Trout

Wisconsin's trout producers reported \$1.54 million in trout sales during 2014, a \$142,000 decrease from 2013. The value of trout distributed for restoration or conservation decreased \$505,000 to \$2.01 million .

Sales of trout that were at least 12 inches long totaled \$1.39 million, a 5 percent decrease in value from 2013. The number of trout 12 inches or longer sold was 410,000, down 70,000 fish from 2013. Live weight of trout sold in this size category was 403,000 pounds, down 44,000 pounds compared to a year earlier. Producers received an average of \$3.46 per pound, up 18 cents from 2013.

The value of 6 to 12 inch trout sold was \$138,000, a decrease of \$71,000 from 2013. The number of fish sold in this size category, at 70,000, was down 60,000 from the previous year. The average price was \$3.84 per pound, down 51 cents from a year earlier.

The value of sales for 1 to 6 inch trout totaled \$5,000, up \$1,000 from 2013. There were 45,000 trout sold in this size category, 5,000 less than a year earlier. Total pounds sold, at 1,000, stayed the same. The price for fish in the 1 to 6 inch category, at \$110 per 1,000 fish, increased by \$24.00 per 1,000 fish.

Producers raising trout for sale lost 295,000 fish weighing a total of 118,000 pounds to various causes during 2014. The number of trout lost was 112,000 more than last year, while total weight increased 78,000 pounds.

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 102.5 million dollars for 2014, an increase of 5 percent from 2013. Idaho accounted for 52 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2014 totaled 48.2 million fish, up 17 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.57, down 2 percent from 2013. The value of sales for the 2014 marketing year was 95.1 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2013. For trout 12 inches or longer, 57 percent were sold to processors.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2014 totaled 5.15 million fish, a increase of 37 percent from 2013. The average price per pound was \$3.27 during 2014, down 52 cents from the 2013 price. The total value of sales was 5.79 million dollars during 2014, a 11 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers and government agencies with 19 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2014 totaled 8.35 million, a 29 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$194 during 2014, up from \$158 in 2013. The total value of sales was 1.62 million dollars, up 57 percent from last year's total.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 7.15 million 12" or longer fish, 65.4 million 6"- 12" fish, and 58.3 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 110.8 million dollars, up 1 percent from 2013.

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 27.6 million fish during 2014. Disease accounted for 92 percent of these losses.

Trout – Wisconsin and United States: 2013 - 2014

Item	Unit	Wisconsin		United States	
		2013	2014	2013	2014
Trout 12 inches and longer					
Number sold	1,000	480	410	41,170	48,185
Pounds sold	1,000	447	403	56,666	60,633
Value of sales	\$1,000	1,466	1,394	91,174	95,079
Average price per pound	Dollars	3.28	3.46	1.61	1.57
Trout 6 to 12 inches in length					
Number sold	1,000	130	70	3,755	5,145
Pounds sold	1,000	48	36	1,375	1,772
Value of sales	\$1,000	209	138	5,213	5,788
Average price per pound	Dollars	4.35	3.84	3.79	3.27
Trout 1 to 6 inches long					
Number sold	1,000	50	45	6,490	8,350
Pounds sold	1,000	1	1	171	206
Value of sales	\$1,000	4	5	1,027	1,617
Average price per thousand fish	Dollars	86	110	158	194
Total sales (excluding eggs)	\$1,000	1,679	1,537	97,414	102,484
Trout lost to various causes					
Total number	1,000	183	295	19,786	27,579
Total pounds	1,000	40	118	4,643	5,962
Distributed for conservation & restoration					
Trout 12 inches and longer	1,000 fish	15	25	8,545	7,145
Trout 6 to 12 inches in length	1,000 fish	2,350	2,070	69,510	65,400
Trout 1 to 6 inches long	1,000 fish	2,440	2,970	58,785	58,280
Total value	\$1,000	2,512	2,007	110,075	110,849

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during February 2015 totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 4 percent over the previous February. The average number of milk cows during February, at 1.28 million head, was 1,000 more than last month and 6,000 more than a year ago. This is the highest number of milk cows for Wisconsin since March 2002. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,730 pounds, up 65 pounds from a year ago. Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014. January revised production, at 16.5 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from January 2014. The January revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

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Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for February, 8 pounds above February 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of February since the 23 State series began in 2003. This comparison is based upon all months of February being adjusted to 28 days.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 106,000 head more than February 2014, and 2,000 head more than January 2015. Milk production in the United States during February totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014. Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,736 pounds for February, 9 pounds above February 2014. The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 100,000 head more than February 2014, and 3,000 head more than January 2015.

February Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro-duction % chnge
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,270	1,276	1,665	1,730	2,115	2,207	+4.3
CA	1,780	1,778	1,910	1,840	3,400	3,272	-3.8
ID	567	580	1,820	1,805	1,032	1,047	+1.5
MI	381	403	1,880	1,915	716	772	+7.8
MN	460	460	1,530	1,595	704	734	+4.3
NM	323	323	1,950	1,880	630	607	-3.7
NY	615	616	1,690	1,725	1,039	1,063	+2.3
PA	531	530	1,565	1,600	831	848	+2.0
TX	447	470	1,745	1,730	780	813	+4.2
23-state total	8,516	8,622	1,749	1,757	14,892	15,149	+1.7

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Prices Received by Farmers

The January 2015 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Wisconsin was \$3.71 per bushel. This was up \$0.04 from the December price but \$0.69 less than January 2014.

The January **soybean** price, at \$10.20 per bushel, was up \$0.20 from December but down \$2.60 from the previous January.

The January **oat** price was \$3.30 per bushel, up \$0.07 from the December price but \$0.70 below January 2014.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$130.00 per ton in January, down \$20.00 from December and \$58.00 less than January 2014. The **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$136.00 per ton in January, down \$29.00 from December and down \$64.00 from the previous January. The **other hay** price averaged \$100.00, up \$5.00 from December but a decrease of \$32.00 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers

WISCONSIN		January 2014	December 2014	January 2015
Dollars				
Corn	bu	4.40	3.67	3.71
Hay, all baled	ton	188.00	150.00	130.00
Alfalfa	ton	200.00	165.00	136.00
Other	ton	132.00	95.00	100.00
Oats	bu	4.00	3.23	3.30
Potatoes, all ¹	cwt	9.55	(D)	10.10
Fresh ²	cwt	10.00	(D)	9.85
Processing	cwt	9.40	(D)	10.20
Soybeans	bu	12.80	10.00	10.20
Milk, all	cwt	23.80	20.80	18.40
UNITED STATES		January 2014	December 2014	January 2015
Dollars				
Corn	bu	4.42	3.78	3.81
Hay, all baled	ton	162.00	159.00	152.00
Alfalfa	ton	186.00	183.00	174.00
Other	ton	135.00	117.00	118.00
Oats	bu	3.70	3.20	3.02
Potatoes, all ¹	cwt	9.02	8.64	9.07
Fresh ²	cwt	9.47	8.68	9.21
Processing	cwt	8.72	8.58	8.87
Soybeans	bu	12.90	10.30	10.30
Milk, all	cwt	23.50	20.40	17.60
Calves	cwt	208.00	303.00	288.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	138.00	164.00	164.00
Cows ³	cwt	88.30	115.00	112.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	140.00	166.00	166.00
Hogs, all	cwt	61.20	64.30	57.40
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	61.10	64.20	57.70
Sows	cwt	64.40	65.80	48.00
Eggs (market)	doz	0.906	1.66	1.07

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. 1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 2/ Fresh market prices only. Includes table stock prices. 3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

December Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$18.40 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in January 2015. This was down \$2.40 per cwt. from December and is the fourth consecutive month to month drop in price, down \$8.20 since September of last year.

The U.S. milk price for January was \$17.60 per cwt, 80 cents lower than Wisconsin's price and \$2.80 lower than the December U.S. price. All of the 23 major milk producing states had a decrease in price from December to January. California had the smallest decrease, down \$1.90 to \$15.81 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.5450 per pound on February 27, while barrels were \$1.4925 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.6950 per pound.

For the week ending February 21, 2015, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.5325 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.5282 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.7119 per pound.

Milk Prices¹

Selected states	January 2014		December 2014		January 2015	
	Price	Fat	Price	Fat	Price	Fat
	per cwt.	test	per cwt.	test	per cwt.	test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	23.80	3.86	20.80	3.84	18.40	3.84
CA	22.42	3.84	17.71	3.87	15.81	3.80
ID	22.60	3.84	19.30	3.91	16.80	3.87
MI	23.50	3.82	20.50	3.83	17.60	3.75
MN	23.80	3.96	20.60	3.97	18.30	3.95
NM	22.50	3.63	19.40	3.70	16.40	3.75
NY	24.30	3.86	22.30	3.90	18.70	3.90
PA	24.90	3.86	22.60	3.86	19.20	3.84
TX	24.40	3.94	20.70	4.00	18.20	4.03
US	23.50	3.84	20.40	3.87	17.60	3.84

1/ Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

