

# HONEY

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Honey production from apiaries with 300 or more colonies in 20 selected States is expected to decline 2 percent to 144 million pounds in 1979.

The estimated 1.95 million colonies of bees held by the apiaries in 1979 are 2 percent above the 1978 level of 1.92 million colonies.

Colony yield is expected to decline an average of 2.8 pounds for the 20 States compared with last season. California yield declined to a more normal level from last year's unusually good yield. Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota honey flows were reduced by cooler summer temperatures and aerial grasshopper spraying. In addition, Nebraska honey flow was reduced by poorer alfalfa bloom.

Florida orange blossom flow was very good again in 1979 providing good yields and quality. Montana yields came from an above average sweet clover nectar flow.

HONEY: COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION IN APIARIES WITH 300 OR MORE COLONIES IN  
20 SELECTED STATES 1977-79

STATE	COLONIES OF BEES				YIELD PER COLONY			HONEY PRODUCTION			1979
	1977	1978 <sup>1/</sup>	1979 <sup>1/</sup>	AS % OF	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	AS % OF
				1978							PERCENT
	1,000				POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS			PERCENT
ARIZ	46	46	41	89	48	50	55	2,208	2,300	2,255	98
CALIF	410	390	385	99	26	66	42	10,660	25,740	16,170	63
COLO	30	32	30	94	74	76	76	2,220	2,432	2,280	94
FLA	210	208	204	98	55	80	90	11,550	16,640	18,360	110
GA	120	115	120	104	32	28	28	3,840	3,220	3,360	104
IDAHO	94	91	90	99	49	46	60	4,606	4,186	5,400	129
ILL	8	7	7	100	52	52	70	416	364	490	135
IOWA	37	43	39	91	92	63	80	3,404	2,709	3,120	115
MICH	54	54	52	96	62	64	63	3,348	3,456	3,276	95
MINN	125	120	125	104	82	105	100	10,250	12,600	12,500	99
MONT	92	94	94	100	58	90	125	5,336	8,460	11,750	139
NEBR	130	117	115	98	50	65	40	6,500	7,605	4,600	60
N Y	52	48	53	110	33	64	75	1,716	3,072	3,975	129
N C	10	10	12	120	55	70	74	550	700	888	127
N DAK	128	152	182	120	88	128	118	11,264	19,456	21,476	110
OREG	30	32	32	100	43	45	45	1,290	1,440	1,440	100
S DAK	156	165	190	115	58	121	83	9,048	19,965	15,770	79
TEX	106	97	100	103	60	60	75	6,360	5,820	7,500	129
WASH	68	69	67	97	53	37	41	3,604	2,553	2,747	108
WIS	81	91	95	104	79	51	73	6,399	4,641	6,935	149
20 STATES	1,987	1,915	1,946	102	52.6	76.9	74.1	104,569	147,359	144,292	98

<sup>1/</sup> SUM OF STATE TOTALS EXCEEDS THE 20 STATE TOTAL BECAUSE OF DUPLICATION OF COLONIES BETWEEN STATES.