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Honey production in 1981 totaled 186 million pounds (84.3 thousand metric tons), 7 percent less than the 1980 crop of 200 million pounds (90.6 thousand metric tons). The number of colonies increased to 4.21 million, but yield per colony declined to 44.1 pounds from 48.2 pounds in 1980.

The value of the 1981 crop was \$118 million, 4 percent less than 1980 and 17 percent below 1979. The 1981 average price of 63.2 cents per pound for all honey sales was 1.7 cents above the 1980 average price.

In mid-December, producers reported 48.6 million pounds (22.1 thousand metric tons) of honey on hand for sales, compared with stocks of 40.5 million pounds (18.4 thousand metric tons) in 1980 and 38.0 million pounds (17.2 thousand metric tons) in 1979. Stocks in mid-December were 26 percent of the 1981 production, compared with 20 percent in 1980 and 16 percent in 1979.

Beeswax production totaled 3.71 million pounds (1680 metric tons) in 1981, 5 percent less than the 1980 wax production of 3.91 million pounds (1770 metric tons). The average price of beeswax at \$1.91 per pound was 8.0 cents above the 1980 price and 16.0 cents above 1979.

HONEY AND BEESWAX: PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION AND HONEY STOCKS, 1972-81

YEAR	HONEY					BEESWAX			
	COLONIES	YIELD PER COLONY	PRODUCTION	PRICE PER POUND	TOTAL VALUE	STOCKS ON HAND	PRODUCTION	PRICE PER POUND	TOTAL VALUE
	THOUSANDS	POUNDS	1,000 LBS	DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS	1,000 LBS	DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS	
1972	4,085	52.8	215,607	.302	65,049	30,114	3,997	.621	2,482
1973	4,124	58.0	239,089	.444	106,108	37,417	4,251	.744	3,161
1974	4,210	44.6	187,855	.510	95,766	34,427	3,450	1.14	3,937
1975	4,206	47.4	199,179	.505	100,575	33,155	3,405	1.03	3,495
1976	4,269	46.4	198,000	.499	98,827	34,310	3,346	1.12	3,764
1977	4,323	41.2	178,091	.529	94,274	30,043	3,091	1.58	4,869
1978	4,090	56.6	231,457	.546	126,471	32,238	3,965	1.74	6,890
1979	4,163	57.3	238,690	.593	141,498	37,997	3,788	1.75	6,643
1980	4,141	48.2	199,756	.615	122,811	40,518	3,905	1.83	7,163
1981	4,213	44.1	185,927	.632	117,559	48,623	3,712	1.91	7,103

MONEY PRODUCTION, 1970-81

STATE	COLONIES 17										YIELD PER COLONY										MONEY PRODUCTION									
	1979		1980		1981		1979		1980		1981		1979		1980		1981		1979		1980		1981							
	THOUSANDS	PERCENT	THOUSANDS	PERCENT	THOUSANDS	PERCENT	POUNDS	PERCENT	POUNDS	PERCENT	POUNDS	PERCENT	1,000 POUNDS	PERCENT	1,000 POUNDS	PERCENT	1,000 POUNDS	PERCENT	1,000 POUNDS	PERCENT	1,000 POUNDS	PERCENT	1,000 POUNDS	PERCENT						
ALA	45	44	42	95	20	36	43	900	1594	1806	114																			
ARIZ	65	67	64	96	58	67	53	3770	3819	3392	89																			
ARK	30	32	31	97	45	49	44	1350	1568	1364	87																			
CALIF	504	504	500	99	34	46	16	17134	23184	9000	39																			
COLO	39	45	41	91	67	52	62	2613	2340	2542	109																			
CONN	8	8	8	100	36	24	24	288	142	192	92																			
DEL	4	4	4	100	27	25	23	108	100	92	92																			
FLA	350	350	360	103	78	58	67	27300	20300	24120	119																			
GA	156	161	145	90	39	26	37	6084	4186	5364	128																			
HAW	7	7	7	100	130	123	125	910	861	875	102																			
IDAHO	101	109	108	99	54	36	37	5454	3924	3996	102																			
ILL	36	38	41	108	59	49	26	2124	1862	1066	57																			
IND	75	76	76	100	36	38	22	2700	2888	1672	48																			
IOA	83	85	88	104	39	104	39	6640	6290	3437	55																			
KANS	40	43	40	93	50	50	49	2000	2150	1960	91																			
KY	52	52	56	108	33	27	21	1716	1404	1176	84																			
LA	31	31	30	97	40	55	65	1240	1705	1950	114																			
MAINE	5	7	8	114	36	19	28	180	133	224	168																			
MD	14	14	15	107	35	30	26	490	420	390	93																			
MASS	12	12	11	102	33	24	23	396	388	253	88																			
MICH	106	102	98	96	61	43	50	6466	4384	4900	112																			
MINN	160	160	190	106	99	76	43	15840	13680	8170	60																			
MISS	49	45	41	91	38	35	45	1862	1575	1845	117																			
MO	124	124	128	103	64	53	34	7936	6572	4608	70																			
MONT	103	103	109	105	128	104	100	13184	10712	10800	101																			
NEAR	140	120	122	102	40	64	40	5600	7680	4880	64																			
NEV	12	11	12	109	35	60	35	420	660	420	64																			
N H	4	4	4	100	28	17	23	112	68	92	135																			
N J	34	43	38	88	40	33	35	1360	1419	1330	94																			
N MEX	14	17	18	106	45	32	39	630	544	702	129																			
N Y	113	117	114	99	62	43	34	7006	5031	3944	78																			
N C	180	170	187	110	30	30	29	5400	5100	5423	106																			
N DAK	190	220	285	120	120	65	87	22800	14300	23055	161																			
OHIO	83	82	85	104	31	30	22	2573	2460	1870	76																			
OKLA	55	44	48	109	50	45	36	2750	1980	1728	87																			
OREG	57	58	59	102	37	34	33	2100	1972	1947	99																			
PA	74	80	84	106	41	41	30	3034	3280	2550	78																			
R I	1	1	1	100	34	26	24	34	24	24	92																			
S C	50	55	52	95	20	24	22	1180	1320	1144	87																			
S DAK	204	184	180	98	85	44	51	17340	8094	9180	113																			
TENN	135	140	150	107	23	35	34	3105	4900	5100	104																			
TEX	190	198	190	96	60	35	60	11400	6930	11400	165																			
UTAH	46	46	44	100	48	33	37	2208	1518	1702	112																			
VT	9	9	9	100	50	28	45	450	257	405	161																			
VA	78	77	73	95	32	19	31	2494	1463	2261	185																			
WASH	87	90	87	97	38	42	35	3306	3780	3045	81																			
W VA	104	67	62	93	25	29	20	2600	1943	1240	64																			
WIS	135	125	125	100	65	44	33	8775	6000	4125	69																			
WYO	39	41	44	107	85	71	72	3315	2911	3168	109																			
U S	4163	4141	4219	102	57.3	48.2	44.1	298490	198756	185927	93																			

17 SUM OF STATE TOTALS EXCEEDS THE US TOTAL BECAUSE OF DUPLICATION OF COLONIES BETWEEN STATES.

HONEY PRICE, VALUE OF PRODUCTION, AND STOCKS ON HAND DECEMBER 15, FOR SALE, 1979-81

STATE	AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND			VALUE OF PRODUCTION			HONEY STOCKS ON HAND		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	DOLLARS			1,000 DOLLARS			1,000 POUNDS		
ALA	0.615	0.670	0.642	554	1061	1196	126	649	506
ARIZ	0.497	0.543	0.540	1874	2074	1900	377	2772	1628
ARK	0.514	0.540	0.650	605	878	887	392	282	368
CALIF	0.481	0.500	0.572	8242	11592	4698	2570	4405	2070
COLO	0.606	0.640	0.670	1583	1498	1703	523	448	458
CONN	1.100	1.030	1.040	317	198	200	78	54	50
DEL	0.742	1.020	1.100	80	102	101	15	20	28
FLA	0.528	0.520	0.537	14414	10556	12952	3003	3045	6512
GA	0.508	0.540	0.610	3091	2344	3273	304	147	697
HAW	0.472	0.496	0.533	430	427	466	692	250	770
IDAHO	0.543	0.540	0.551	2962	2119	2202	2018	510	1239
ILL	0.767	0.840	0.840	1629	1601	925	495	372	224
IND	0.844	0.844	0.894	2284	2337	1495	440	722	485
IOWA	0.564	0.600	0.584	3745	3774	2004	1262	1761	652
KANS	0.672	0.577	0.745	1344	1241	1440	340	301	725
KY	0.915	0.953	1.100	1570	1338	1294	257	216	200
LA	0.511	0.500	0.520	634	853	1014	186	426	780
MATNF	0.689	0.831	0.891	124	111	200	40	48	67
MD	0.857	0.832	1.150	420	349	449	118	147	90
MASS	0.831	1.020	1.040	329	294	279	87	61	51
MICH	0.635	0.613	0.627	4106	2689	3072	1746	1447	1911
MINN	0.543	0.530	0.581	8601	4747	4747	2218	1505	1716
MISS	0.674	0.700	0.586	1259	1103	1081	223	268	461
MO	0.909	0.830	0.870	7214	5455	4009	397	1314	1382
MONT	0.577	0.560	0.570	7607	5999	6156	923	1071	972
NERR	0.482	0.550	0.558	2699	4224	2723	840	1459	1318
NEV	0.603	0.720	0.740	253	475	315	105	231	88
NH	0.904	1.010	1.050	101	69	97	20	6	7
NJ	0.776	1.070	1.010	1055	1518	1343	476	568	439
N MEX	0.614	0.573	0.649	388	314	456	185	98	244
NY	0.551	0.636	0.632	3860	3200	2493	1962	1107	1104
N C	0.853	0.900	0.869	4606	4590	4713	918	612	922
N DAK	0.519	0.528	0.550	11833	7550	12680	3448	2145	5994
OHIO	0.672	0.782	0.829	1729	1824	1550	618	640	486
OKLA	0.908	1.050	0.930	2497	2079	1572	688	535	346
OREG	0.584	0.610	0.749	1232	1203	1458	422	532	545
PA	0.643	0.700	0.831	1951	2296	2119	1001	1181	895
RI	1.060	1.140	1.240	36	30	30	9	5	5
S C	0.838	0.980	0.974	989	1294	1114	153	238	217
S DAK	0.528	0.520	0.536	9156	4210	4939	1040	1619	3672
TENN	1.040	0.940	0.930	3229	4806	4743	590	882	1244
TEX	0.508	0.560	0.584	5791	3881	4658	1340	1525	3306
UTAH	0.585	0.591	0.592	1292	882	1008	508	471	544
VT	1.170	0.963	0.950	527	243	385	122	81	93
VA	0.740	0.964	0.950	1847	1410	2150	474	263	407
WASH	0.560	0.570	0.570	1745	2155	1736	364	454	487
W VA	1.050	1.150	0.887	2730	2234	1100	676	427	99
WIS	0.574	0.580	0.640	4054	3880	2640	2433	2760	1485
WYO	0.528	0.550	0.560	1750	1601	1774	365	378	412
U S	0.597	0.615	0.632	141498	122811	117559	37997	40518	48623

APESWAXI PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1979-81

STATE	PRODUCTION			PRICE PER POUND			VALUE		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	1,000 POUNDS								
	DOLLARS								
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ALA	23	32	43	1.73	1.76	1.86	40	54	80
ARIZ	38	76	58	1.70	1.72	1.88	65	131	109
ARK	23	30	31	1.84	1.81	1.90	42	54	59
CALIF	291	556	234	1.87	1.64	1.91	544	934	447
COLO	52	47	61	1.73	1.81	1.86	90	85	113
CONN	7	5	4	1.60	1.84	2.10	11	9	8
DEL	3	3	2	2.04	2.10	2.40	6	6	8
FLA	328	345	362	1.82	1.82	1.97	558	428	713
GA	61	59	64	1.86	1.86	1.90	113	110	122
WAM	15	20	16	1.80	1.72	1.86	27	34	30
IDAHO	82	71	94	1.79	1.87	1.93	147	133	185
ILL	32	43	23	1.89	1.89	1.99	57	81	44
IND	54	69	42	1.87	1.79	1.86	101	124	78
IOWA	126	113	89	1.64	1.85	1.95	207	209	174
KANS	40	39	43	1.80	1.82	1.79	72	71	77
KY	31	35	32	1.71	1.58	1.84	53	55	59
LA	19	34	35	1.89	1.84	1.90	34	63	67
MAINE	3	3	5	1.60	1.84	1.99	5	6	10
MD	11	10	9	2.04	2.06	2.08	22	21	19
MASS	6	6	4	1.60	1.85	1.93	10	11	8
MICH	84	101	103	1.84	1.84	1.91	155	186	197
MINN	285	246	186	2.89	2.80	2.92	539	467	361
MISS	43	30	35	1.75	1.85	2.00	75	56	70
MO	63	112	101	1.50	1.78	1.84	95	199	186
MONT	224	214	184	1.64	1.90	1.98	367	407	364
NEBR	112	108	122	1.74	1.90	2.00	195	205	244
NEV	6	11	7	1.89	1.67	1.90	11	22	13
N H	3	2	2	1.60	1.84	2.00	5	4	4
N J	27	34	32	1.57	2.16	1.89	42	73	60
N MEX	9	10	12	1.35	1.70	1.96	12	17	24
N Y	119	101	91	1.74	1.93	2.00	207	195	182
N C	113	133	141	1.42	1.86	1.70	160	247	240
N DAK	365	257	369	1.83	1.95	1.99	668	501	734
OHIO	46	49	39	1.62	1.66	1.86	75	81	74
OKLA	47	40	38	1.52	1.69	1.64	71	68	62
OREG	34	34	39	1.65	1.80	1.95	56	61	76
PA	58	62	64	1.91	1.95	1.82	111	121	114
R I	1	1	1	1.60	1.85	2.25	2	2	2
S C	24	30	24	1.66	1.91	1.80	40	57	43
S DAK	277	162	220	1.72	1.89	1.90	476	306	418
TENN	68	98	107	1.41	1.83	1.85	96	179	198
TEX	194	125	230	1.86	1.82	1.85	361	228	442
UTAH	38	38	41	1.77	1.73	1.92	67	66	79
VT	6	3	6	1.60	1.84	1.95	10	6	12
VA	45	31	38	1.79	1.78	1.93	81	55	73
WASH	43	72	52	1.68	1.97	1.98	72	142	103
W VA	26	31	10	2.00	2.10	2.00	52	65	20
WIS	123	114	87	1.81	1.84	1.94	223	212	169
WYO	60	58	67	1.88	1.97	1.88	113	114	124
U S	3788	3905	3712	1.75	1.83	1.91	6443	7163	7103





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