

# Honey



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## HONEY PRODUCTION

Honey production for 1986 (for producers with five or more hives) amounted to 200 million pounds (90.0 thousand metric tons).

The number of colonies, 3.21 million, contains duplication by multistate operators. The data as collected were not sufficient to allow duplication between States to be removed.

The yield per colony was 62.5 pounds. Conditions for production ranged from very poor with no surplus honey to excellent.

Stocks were 27.2 million pounds or 13.6 percent of production.

## HONEY PRICES

Prices for the 1986 honey crop averaged 51.3 cents per pound. Prices are based on sales to private processors, and co-ops, and on retail sales by producers. Higher prices for the amber honeys reflect the larger proportion of retail sales relative to the white honey classes. All government payments and loans are excluded.

### U.S. HONEY PRICES BY COLOR CLASS, 1986

COLOR CLASS	:	PRICE
	:	CENTS PER POUND
WATER WHITE, EXTRA WHITE, AND WHITE (0-34 MM)	:	49.5
EXTRA LIGHT AMBER (35-50 MM)	:	53.8
LIGHT AMBER, AMBER, AND DARK AMBER (51+ MM)	:	52.0
ALL OTHER HONEY - AREA SPECIALTIES	:	53.6
ALL HONEY	:	51.3

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NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE, 1986

STATE	NUMBER OF COLONIES	YIELD PER COLONY	PRODUCTION	STOCKS DEC. 15	AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
	1,000	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS		CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
ALA	41	42	1,722	327	73	1,257
ARIZ	77	50	3,850	693	51	1,964
ARK	21	64	1,344	54	58	780
CALIF	520	52	27,040	3,515	55	14,872
COLO	41	78	3,198	480	57	1,823
CONN	3	20	60	22	90	54
DEL	1	25	25	13	95	24
FLA	290	75	21,750	2,828	53	11,528
GA	115	41	4,715	377	52	2,452
HAW	9	147	1,323	93	75	992
IDAHO	100	45	4,500	540	47	2,115
ILL	30	27	810	267	85	689
IND	27	23	621	180	75	466
IOWA	40	59	2,360	519	59	1,392
KANS	47	85	3,995	519	55	2,197
KY	15	15	225	86	88	198
LA	35	58	2,030	102	47	954
MAINE	9	17	153	54	70	107
MD	8	28	224	65	73	164
MASS	10	15	150	54	66	99
MICH	80	56	4,480	851	49	2,195
MINN	136	78	10,608	636	46	4,880
MISS	23	54	1,242	75	46	571
MO	30	53	1,590	286	48	763
MONT	110	64	7,040	211	48	3,379
NEBR	100	76	7,600	532	46	3,496
NEV	9	40	360	54	52	187
N H	1	14	14	2	120	17
N J	16	30	480	216	79	379
N MEX	19	63	1,197	407	49	587
N C	18	30	540	184	73	394
N DAK	290	107	31,030	1,862	44	13,653
N Y	92	32	2,944	530	60	1,766
OHIO	59	26	1,534	445	73	1,120
OKLA	15	48	720	194	65	468
OREG	59	43	2,537	507	60	1,522
PA	50	32	1,600	624	48	768
R I	1	15	15	5	145	22
S C	15	25	375	60	71	266
S DAK	201	113	22,713	5,224	47	10,675
TENN	36	32	1,152	426	77	887
TEX	117	62	7,254	798	54	3,917
UTAH	35	45	1,575	252	62	977
VT	7	17	119	42	88	105
VA	30	38	1,140	103	59	673
WASH	75	48	3,600	360	47	1,692
WIS	85	50	4,250	893	53	2,253
W VA	17	30	510	260	77	393
WYO	40	52	2,080	354	49	1,019
TOTAL	3,205	62.5	200,394	27,181	1/51.3	103,151

1/ WEIGHTED BY SALES.