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U S HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT

Honey production in 1988 from producers with 5 or more hives totaled 212 million pounds, down 7 percent from 1987, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. There were 3.2 million colonies producing honey, down slightly from 1987. Yield per colony averaged 66.4 pounds, down from 71.1 pounds in 1987. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State, and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 31.2 million pounds on December 15. Some States had excellent production while production in other States suffered from drought and disease.

HONEY PRICES

Prices for the 1988 honey crop averaged 50.1 cents per pound, down 0.2 cents from the 1987 price of 50.3 cents per pound. Honey prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales made to private processors and co-ops. Prices for each color at the U S level are derived by weighting State average prices by State quantities sold. Lower prices for amber honeys contributed the most to the slightly lower all honey price in 1988. All government payments and loans made to producers are excluded from the honey prices published in this annual report.

U S HONEY PRICES BY COLOR CLASS, 1987 AND 1988

COLOR CLASS	PRICE					
	COOP AND PRIVATE		RETAIL		ALL	
	1987 1/	1988	1987 1/	1988	1987 1/	1988
CENTS PER POUND						
WATER WHITE,						
EXTRA WHITE, WHITE	47.1	47.7	77.6	74.4	49.2	50.1
EXTRA LIGHT AMBER	47.3	47.9	80.3	77.7	51.4	49.9
LIGHT AMBER,						
AMBER, DARK AMBER	44.7	43.2	79.1	87.3	52.1	49.7
ALL OTHER HONEY						
AREA SPECIALTIES	40.7	40.4	89.3	104.0	50.5	61.3
ALL HONEY	46.5	46.7	79.1	80.9	50.3	50.1

1/ REVISED, INCLUDES HONEY PRODUCED IN 1987 THAT WAS SOLD IN 1988.

NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE, 1987 1/

STATE	NUMBER OF COLONIES	YIELD PER COLONY	PRODUCTION	STOCKS 2/ DEC 15	AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
	1,000	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS		CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
ALA	46	35	1,610	242	53	853
ARIZ	73	47	3,431	309	52	1,784
ARK	29	69	2,001	200	44	880
CALIF	500	33	16,500	1,650	49	8,085
COLO	44	73	3,212	96	68	2,184
CONN	2	34	68	24	117	80
DEL	1	29	29	18	93	27
FLA	240	79	18,960	1,327	49	9,290
GA	120	38	4,560	502	54	2,462
HAW	9	190	1,710	581	44	752
IDAHO	105	60	6,300	945	54	3,402
ILL	28	75	2,100	777	82	1,722
IND	25	58	1,450	363	58	841
IOWA	44	103	4,532	1,314	54	2,447
KANS	46	51	2,346	821	58	1,361
KY	14	25	350	147	96	336
LA	35	75	2,625	105	47	1,234
MAINE	9	46	414	70	68	282
MD	7	35	245	88	62	152
MASS	11	15	165	33	61	101
MICH	80	68	5,440	1,034	53	2,883
MINN	150	108	16,200	1,296	46	7,452
MISS	19	60	1,140	80	42	479
MO	30	65	1,950	156	48	936
MONT	95	102	9,690	1,066	44	4,264
NEB	110	90	9,900	1,980	44	4,356
NEV	11	30	330	66	79	261
N H	1	32	32	13	93	30
N J	25	34	850	213	51	434
N MEX	19	50	950	162	59	561
N Y	90	44	3,960	1,188	66	2,614
N C	20	48	960	173	80	768
N DAK	290	110	31,900	3,509	45	14,355
OHIO	55	50	2,750	853	67	1,843
OKLA	10	70	700	140	67	469
OREG	55	42	2,310	531	52	1,201
PA	48	39	1,872	711	68	1,273
R I	1	32	32	10	139	44
S C	15	34	510	41	64	326
S DAK	250	134	33,500	5,360	46	15,410
TENN	35	55	1,925	732	90	1,733
TEX	110	74	8,140	1,465	50	4,070
UTAH	35	48	1,688	336	54	912
VT	7	46	322	132	90	290
VA	25	48	1,200	120	48	576
WASH	75	55	4,125	206	44	1,815
W VA	21	41	861	207	82	706
WIS	83	97	8,051	1,047	48	3,864
WYO	37	78	2,886	548	53	1,530
U S	3,190	71.1	226,782	32,987	3/ 50.3	113,730

1/ REVISED.

2/ DOES NOT INCLUDE STOCKS UNDER LOAN.

3/ WEIGHTED BY REPORTED SALES.

NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE, 1988

STATE	NUMBER OF COLONIES	YIELD PER COLONY	PRODUCTION	STOCKS 1/ DEC. 15	AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
	1,000	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS		CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
ALA	42	42	1,764	247	67	1,182
ARIZ	73	49	3,577	644	50	1,789
ARK	25	67	1,675	168	51	854
CAL	520	40	20,800	1,872	48	9,984
COLO	48	83	3,984	837	53	2,112
CONN	2	46	92	29	97	89
DEL	1	26	26	6	82	21
FLA	240	105	25,200	2,385	51	12,852
GA	115	41	4,715	283	55	2,593
HAW	9	179	1,611	806	40	644
IDAHO	112	53	5,936	1,009	43	2,552
ILL	28	69	1,932	638	77	1,488
IND	29	65	1,885	622	57	1,074
IOWA	49	129	6,321	1,580	48	3,034
KANS	42	69	2,898	319	44	1,275
KY	12	40	480	202	111	533
LA	38	90	3,420	205	47	1,607
MAINE	14	26	364	44	73	266
MD	7	25	175	54	73	128
MASS	15	18	270	41	80	216
MICH	83	73	6,059	1,272	52	3,151
MINN	150	129	19,350	1,935	45	8,708
MISS	21	66	1,386	28	50	693
MO	30	80	2,400	1,008	59	1,416
MONT	105	48	5,040	151	47	2,369
NEB	113	96	10,848	1,410	43	4,665
NEV	9	30	270	54	72	194
N H	1	34	34	16	111	38
N J	30	31	930	353	81	753
N MEX	21	57	1,197	275	56	670
N Y	94	59	5,546	1,109	69	3,827
N C	21	46	966	155	71	686
N DAK	230	66	15,180	1,518	47	7,135
OHIO	50	48	2,400	744	76	1,824
OKLA	10	55	550	66	99	545
OREG	60	52	3,120	499	57	1,778
PA	45	46	2,070	683	66	1,366
R I	1	39	39	15	118	46
S C	14	40	560	90	62	347
S DAK	245	74	18,130	2,901	45	8,159
TENN	35	40	1,400	462	76	1,064
TEX	114	76	8,664	780	46	3,985
UTAH	36	41	1,476	384	67	989
VT	7	51	357	164	87	311
VA	24	56	1,344	54	40	538
WASH	65	47	3,055	306	44	1,344
W VA	30	35	1,050	630	82	861
WIS	82	99	8,118	1,867	48	3,897
WYO	39	73	2,847	370	53	1,509
U S	3,186	66.4	211,511	31,172	2/ 50.1	107,161

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 2/ WEIGHTED BY REPORTED SALES.

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