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## U S HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 21 PERCENT

Honey production in 1989 from producers with 5 or more hives totaled 169 million pounds, down 21 percent from 1988, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. There were 3.3 million colonies producing honey, up 3 percent from 1988. Yield per colony averaged 51.1 pounds, down from 66.3 pounds in 1988. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State, and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 31.1 million pounds on December 15. Adverse conditions were encountered in most States and included wet weather, restrictions on movement early in the year, dry weather, disease and mite infestations throughout the year.

## HONEY PRICES

Prices for the 1989 crop averaged 48.4 cents per pound, down 1.6 cents from the 1988 price of 50.0 cents per pound. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting State average prices by the State quantities sold. Prices declined for most types of honey in 1989 except for the extra light amber honey retailed by producers and amber honeys sold to private processors and co-ops. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this annual report.

## U S HONEY PRICES BY COLOR CLASS, 1988 AND 1989

COLOR CLASS	PRICE					
	COOP AND PRIVATE		RETAIL		ALL	
	1988 1/	1989	1988 1/	1989	1988 1/	1989
	CENTS PER POUND					
WATER WHITE,						
EXTRA WHITE, WHITE	47.1	45.4	78.1	74.3	49.8	47.1
EXTRA LIGHT AMBER	45.8	45.5	77.9	81.9	49.6	48.8
LIGHT AMBER,						
AMBER, DARK AMBER	43.6	45.8	85.5	79.3	50.6	50.5
ALL OTHER HONEY,						
AREA SPECIALTIES	39.2	34.4	107.2	94.8	53.8	38.5
ALL HONEY	45.9	45.4	81.3	78.6	50.0	48.4

1/ REVISED, INCLUDES HONEY PRODUCED IN 1988 THAT WAS SOLD IN 1989.

NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE, 1988 1/

STATE	NUMBER OF COLONIES	YIELD PER COLONY	PRODUCTION	2/ STOCKS 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	61	1,076
ARIZ	73	49	3,577	644	49	1,753
ARK	34	67	2,278	228	45	1,025
CALIF	520	40	20,800	1,872	49	10,192
COLO	48	83	3,984	837	55	2,191
CONN	2	46	92	29	99	91
DEL	1	26	26	6	73	19
FLA	240	105	25,200	2,385	51	12,852
GA	115	41	4,715	283	54	2,546
HAW	9	179	1,611	806	43	693
IDAHO	112	53	5,936	1,009	43	2,552
ILL	28	69	1,932	638	76	1,468
IND	29	65	1,885	622	69	1,301
IOWA	49	129	6,321	1,580	47	2,971
KANS	42	69	2,898	319	46	1,333
KY	12	40	480	202	106	509
LA	38	90	3,420	205	47	1,607
MAINE	14	26	364	44	72	262
MD	7	25	175	54	77	135
MASS	15	18	270	41	97	262
MICH	95	73	6,935	1,456	53	3,676
MINN	150	129	19,350	1,935	43	8,321
MISS	21	66	1,386	28	49	679
MO	30	80	2,400	1,008	61	1,464
MONT	105	48	5,040	151	47	2,369
NEB	113	96	10,848	1,410	45	4,882
NEV	9	30	270	54	47	127
N H	1	34	34	16	96	33
N J	30	31	930	353	84	781
N MEX	21	57	1,197	275	57	682
N Y	94	59	5,546	1,109	70	3,882
N C	21	46	966	155	73	705
N DAK	230	66	15,180	1,518	43	6,527
OHIO	50	48	2,400	744	65	1,560
OKLA	10	55	550	66	73	402
OREG	60	52	3,120	499	50	1,560
PA	45	46	2,070	683	67	1,387
R I	1	39	39	15	119	46
S C	14	40	560	90	61	342
S DAK	245	74	18,130	2,901	46	8,340
TENN	35	40	1,400	462	75	1,050
TEX	114	76	8,664	780	46	3,985
UTAH	36	41	1,476	384	61	900
VT	7	51	357	164	85	303
VA	25	56	1,400	56	40	560
WASH	65	47	3,055	306	46	1,405
W VA	30	35	1,050	630	75	788
WIS	93	99	9,207	2,117	54	4,972
WYO	39	73	2,847	370	52	1,480
U S	3,219	66.3	214,135	31,786	3/50.0	108,046

1/ REVISED. 2/ DOES NOT INCLUDE STOCKS UNDER LOAN. 3/ WEIGHTED BY SURVEY EXPANDED STATE SALES

NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE, 1989

STATE	NUMBER OF COLONIES	YIELD PER COLONY	PRODUCTION	1/ STOCKS DEC. 15	AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
	1,000	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS		CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
ALA	41	20	820	33	53	435
ARIZ	71	45	3,195	1,054	61	1,949
ARK	34	61	2,074	249	49	1,016
CALIF	535	34	18,190	2,729	45	8,186
COLO	50	66	3,300	495	55	1,815
CONN	2	40	80	48	95	76
DEL	1	10	10	5	69	7
FLA	235	59	13,865	971	49	6,794
GA	116	27	3,132	125	56	1,754
HAW	9	135	1,215	510	44	535
IDAHO	105	54	5,670	1,021	47	2,665
ILL	29	38	1,102	452	69	760
IND	28	35	980	647	89	872
IOWA	61	90	5,490	1,318	44	2,416
KANS	35	46	1,610	403	47	757
KY	12	29	348	132	118	411
LA	35	85	2,975	179	47	1,398
MAINE	17	24	408	41	75	306
MD	9	16	144	32	73	105
MASS	8	23	184	50	150	276
MICH	93	70	6,510	1,497	59	3,841
MINN	155	92	14,260	3,280	43	6,132
MISS	24	33	792	79	42	333
MO	33	62	2,046	696	53	1,084
MONT	100	63	6,300	819	45	2,835
NEB	119	62	7,378	1,476	46	3,394
NEV	15	54	810	162	47	381
N H	1	35	35	11	119	42
N J	25	23	575	265	70	402
N MEX	22	50	1,100	242	46	506
N Y	94	59	5,546	1,664	53	2,939
N C	25	38	950	266	67	637
N DAK	290	56	16,240	1,137	44	7,146
OHIO	53	20	1,060	413	64	678
OKLA	9	65	585	164	90	527
OREG	63	39	2,457	418	56	1,376
PA	41	39	1,599	560	63	1,007
R I	1	39	39	14	142	55
S C	15	19	285	74	65	185
S DAK	230	49	11,270	2,029	47	5,297
TENN	25	25	625	25	79	494
TEX	134	56	7,504	1,576	47	3,527
UTAH	43	44	1,892	530	53	1,003
VT	6	61	366	102	85	311
VA	23	20	460	97	53	244
WASH	66	46	3,036	546	41	1,245
W VA	32	44	1,408	732	77	1,084
WIS	101	74	7,474	1,495	60	4,484
WYO	40	47	1,880	244	47	884
U S	3,311	51.1	169,274	31,107	2/48.4	84,606

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