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## U S HONEY PRODUCTION UP 11 PERCENT

Honey production in 1990 from producers with 5 or more hives, totaled 196 million pounds, up 11 percent from 1989, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. There were 3.19 million colonies producing honey, down 7 percent from 1989. Yield per colony averaged 61.5 pounds, up from the unusually low 51.4 pounds in 1989. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State, and yields may be understated at the State level. Producer honey stocks were 30.7 million pounds on December 15, 1990. Weather conditions for honey production were highly variable between regions in 1990. Bee populations were reduced significantly in some areas due to adverse weather, disease, and mite infestations.

## HONEY PRICES

Prices for the 1990 crop averaged 52.8 cents per pound, up 3 cents from the 1989 price of 49.8 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 increased for most types of honey in 1990 except for the extra light amber and amber honey retailed by producers. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this annual report.

### U S HONEY PRICES BY COLOR CLASS, 1989 AND 1990

| COLOR CLASS        | PRICE            |      |         |       |         |      |
|--------------------|------------------|------|---------|-------|---------|------|
|                    | COOP AND PRIVATE |      | RETAIL  |       | ALL     |      |
|                    | 1989 1/          | 1990 | 1989 1/ | 1990  | 1989 1/ | 1990 |
| CENTS PER POUND    |                  |      |         |       |         |      |
| WATER WHITE,       |                  |      |         |       |         |      |
| EXTRA WHITE, WHITE | 46.4             | 48.8 | 74.4    | 99.3  | 48.4    | 51.5 |
| EXTRA LIGHT AMBER  | 45.8             | 50.4 | 81.1    | 78.4  | 49.6    | 52.5 |
| LIGHT AMBER,       |                  |      |         |       |         |      |
| AMBER, DARK AMBER  | 46.9             | 49.7 | 81.9    | 79.1  | 53.0    | 55.0 |
| ALL OTHER HONEY,   |                  |      |         |       |         |      |
| AREA SPECIALTIES   | 35.3             | 38.6 | 97.0    | 100.1 | 40.3    | 60.0 |
| ALL HONEY          | 46.3             | 49.3 | 79.3    | 85.0  | 49.8    | 52.8 |

1/ REVISED, INCLUDES HONEY PRODUCED IN 1989 THAT WAS SOLD IN 1990.

HONEY 1989 1/

| STATE | HONEY<br>PRODUCING<br>COLONIES | YIELD<br>PER<br>COLONY | PRODUCTION   | 2/<br>STOCKS<br>DEC 15 | AVERAGE<br>PRICE PER<br>POUND | VALUE<br>OF<br>PRODUCTION |
|-------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|       | 1,000                          | POUND                  | 1,000 POUNDS |                        | CENTS                         | 1,000 DOLLARS             |
| AL    | 41                             | 20                     | 820          | 33                     | 54                            | 443                       |
| AZ    | 78                             | 45                     | 3,510        | 1,158                  | 55                            | 1,931                     |
| AR    | 34                             | 61                     | 2,074        | 249                    | 47                            | 975                       |
| CA    | 560                            | 34                     | 19,040       | 2,857                  | 49                            | 9,330                     |
| CO    | 50                             | 66                     | 3,300        | 495                    | 54                            | 1,782                     |
| CT    | 2                              | 40                     | 80           | 48                     | 105                           | 84                        |
| DE    | 1                              | 10                     | 10           | 5                      | 100                           | 10                        |
| FL    | 250                            | 60                     | 15,000       | 1,050                  | 48                            | 7,200                     |
| GA    | 116                            | 27                     | 3,132        | 125                    | 56                            | 1,754                     |
| HI    | 9                              | 135                    | 1,215        | 510                    | 45                            | 547                       |
| ID    | 140                            | 54                     | 7,560        | 1,361                  | 46                            | 3,478                     |
| IL    | 29                             | 38                     | 1,102        | 452                    | 78                            | 860                       |
| IN    | 28                             | 35                     | 980          | 647                    | 72                            | 706                       |
| IA    | 67                             | 90                     | 6,030        | 1,448                  | 45                            | 2,714                     |
| KS    | 37                             | 46                     | 1,702        | 426                    | 48                            | 817                       |
| KY    | 12                             | 29                     | 348          | 132                    | 108                           | 376                       |
| LA    | 35                             | 85                     | 2,975        | 179                    | 47                            | 1,398                     |
| ME    | 17                             | 24                     | 408          | 41                     | 77                            | 314                       |
| MD    | 9                              | 16                     | 144          | 32                     | 77                            | 111                       |
| MA    | 8                              | 23                     | 184          | 50                     | 139                           | 256                       |
| MI    | 102                            | 70                     | 7,140        | 1,642                  | 56                            | 3,998                     |
| MN    | 165                            | 92                     | 15,180       | 3,492                  | 45                            | 6,831                     |
| MS    | 24                             | 33                     | 792          | 79                     | 44                            | 348                       |
| MO    | 33                             | 62                     | 2,046        | 696                    | 56                            | 1,146                     |
| MT    | 100                            | 63                     | 6,300        | 819                    | 47                            | 2,961                     |
| NE    | 119                            | 62                     | 7,378        | 1,476                  | 46                            | 3,394                     |
| NV    | 15                             | 54                     | 810          | 162                    | 50                            | 405                       |
| NH    | 1                              | 35                     | 35           | 11                     | 143                           | 50                        |
| NJ    | 25                             | 23                     | 575          | 265                    | 69                            | 397                       |
| NM    | 23                             | 50                     | 1,150        | 253                    | 54                            | 621                       |
| NY    | 94                             | 59                     | 5,546        | 1,664                  | 55                            | 3,050                     |
| NC    | 25                             | 38                     | 950          | 266                    | 64                            | 608                       |
| ND    | 290                            | 56                     | 16,240       | 1,137                  | 47                            | 7,633                     |
| OH    | 53                             | 20                     | 1,060        | 413                    | 67                            | 710                       |
| OK    | 9                              | 65                     | 585          | 164                    | 87                            | 509                       |
| OR    | 63                             | 39                     | 2,457        | 418                    | 52                            | 1,278                     |
| PA    | 41                             | 39                     | 1,599        | 560                    | 62                            | 991                       |
| RI    | 1                              | 39                     | 39           | 14                     | 139                           | 54                        |
| SC    | 15                             | 19                     | 285          | 74                     | 67                            | 191                       |
| SD    | 230                            | 49                     | 11,270       | 2,029                  | 46                            | 5,184                     |
| TN    | 25                             | 25                     | 625          | 25                     | 74                            | 463                       |
| TX    | 140                            | 56                     | 7,840        | 1,647                  | 49                            | 3,842                     |
| UT    | 47                             | 44                     | 2,068        | 579                    | 54                            | 1,117                     |
| VT    | 6                              | 61                     | 366          | 102                    | 74                            | 271                       |
| VA    | 23                             | 20                     | 460          | 97                     | 54                            | 248                       |
| WA    | 70                             | 46                     | 3,220        | 579                    | 45                            | 1,449                     |
| WV    | 32                             | 44                     | 1,408        | 732                    | 77                            | 1,084                     |
| WI    | 108                            | 74                     | 7,992        | 1,599                  | 57                            | 4,555                     |
| WY    | 41                             | 47                     | 1,927        | 250                    | 49                            | 944                       |
| US    | 3,443                          | 51.4                   | 176,957      | 32,542                 | 3/49.8                        | 89,418                    |

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

HONEY 1990

| STATE | HONEY PRODUCING COLONIES | YIELD PER COLONY | PRODUCTION   | 1/ STOCKS DEC 15 | AVERAGE PRICE PER POUND | VALUE OF PRODUCTION |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|       | 1,000                    | POUND            | 1,000 POUNDS |                  | CENTS                   | 1,000 DOLLARS       |
| AK 2/ | .45                      | 58               | 26.1         | 12               | NA                      | NA                  |
| AL    | 29                       | 38               | 1,102        | 143              | 54                      | 595                 |
| AZ    | 67                       | 48               | 3,216        | 836              | 50                      | 1,608               |
| AR    | 31                       | 75               | 2,325        | 279              | 49                      | 1,139               |
| CA    | 480                      | 42               | 20,160       | 2,218            | 54                      | 10,886              |
| CO    | 55                       | 64               | 3,520        | 845              | 58                      | 2,042               |
| CT    | 2                        | 52               | 104          | 47               | 118                     | 123                 |
| DE    | 1                        | 11               | 11           | 3                | 126                     | 14                  |
| FL    | 220                      | 95               | 20,900       | 1,881            | 47                      | 9,823               |
| GA    | 111                      | 50               | 5,550        | 333              | 58                      | 3,219               |
| HI    | 10                       | 157              | 1,570        | 314              | 47                      | 738                 |
| ID    | 140                      | 40               | 5,600        | 784              | 47                      | 2,632               |
| IL    | 19                       | 40               | 760          | 448              | 74                      | 562                 |
| IN    | 22                       | 47               | 1,034        | 259              | 66                      | 682                 |
| IA    | 70                       | 54               | 3,780        | 945              | 52                      | 1,966               |
| KS    | 36                       | 67               | 2,412        | 241              | 60                      | 1,447               |
| KY    | 8                        | 44               | 352          | 127              | 97                      | 341                 |
| LA    | 38                       | 89               | 3,382        | 169              | 53                      | 1,792               |
| ME    | 18                       | 24               | 432          | 69               | 63                      | 272                 |
| MD    | 7                        | 19               | 133          | 33               | 91                      | 121                 |
| MA    | 15                       | 13               | 195          | 43               | 114                     | 222                 |
| MI    | 100                      | 80               | 8,000        | 2,560            | 54                      | 4,320               |
| MN    | 170                      | 74               | 12,580       | 1,384            | 47                      | 5,913               |
| MS    | 24                       | 62               | 1,488        | 104              | 51                      | 759                 |
| MO    | 30                       | 63               | 1,890        | 567              | 53                      | 1,002               |
| MT    | 95                       | 81               | 7,695        | 1,154            | 48                      | 3,694               |
| NE    | 118                      | 56               | 6,608        | 1,189            | 46                      | 3,040               |
| NV    | 17                       | 58               | 986          | 296              | 74                      | 730                 |
| NH    | 1                        | 54               | 54           | 19               | 82                      | 44                  |
| NJ    | 15                       | 21               | 315          | 107              | 101                     | 318                 |
| NM    | 29                       | 71               | 2,059        | 453              | 52                      | 1,071               |
| NY    | 81                       | 54               | 4,374        | 1,094            | 65                      | 2,843               |
| NC    | 20                       | 50               | 1,000        | 120              | 67                      | 670                 |
| ND    | 210                      | 82               | 17,220       | 689              | 50                      | 8,610               |
| OH    | 40                       | 51               | 2,040        | 612              | 98                      | 1,999               |
| OK    | 9                        | 50               | 450          | 149              | 81                      | 365                 |
| OR    | 61                       | 42               | 2,562        | 615              | 54                      | 1,383               |
| PA    | 41                       | 28               | 1,148        | 379              | 67                      | 769                 |
| RI    | 1                        | 31               | 31           | 9                | 103                     | 32                  |
| SC    | 12                       | 41               | 492          | 49               | 57                      | 280                 |
| SD    | 245                      | 81               | 19,845       | 3,771            | 48                      | 9,526               |
| TN    | 19                       | 33               | 627          | 138              | 101                     | 633                 |
| TX    | 140                      | 67               | 9,380        | 1,501            | 62                      | 5,816               |
| UT    | 47                       | 37               | 1,739        | 539              | 56                      | 974                 |
| VT    | 6                        | 65               | 390          | 207              | 90                      | 351                 |
| VA    | 16                       | 34               | 544          | 207              | 100                     | 544                 |
| WA    | 80                       | 55               | 4,400        | 440              | 47                      | 2,068               |
| WV    | 30                       | 30               | 900          | 594              | 104                     | 936                 |
| WI    | 112                      | 75               | 8,400        | 1,512            | 59                      | 4,956               |
| WY    | 40                       | 57               | 2,280        | 274              | 51                      | 1,163               |
| US    | 3,188                    | 61.5             | 196,035      | 30,746           | 3/52.8                  | 105,033             |

1/ STOCKS HELD BY PRODUCERS. DOES NOT INCLUDE STOCKS UNDER LOAN. 2/ AK: HONEY PRODUCING COLONIES-450; YIELD-58; PRODUCTION-26,100 LBS; STOCKS-12,000 LBS. AK PRICE NOT AVAILABLE. 3/ WEIGHTED BY SURVEY EXPANDED SALES.

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