

Honey



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U.S. Honey Production Up 1 Percent

Honey production in 1992 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 221 million pounds, up 1 percent from 1991. There were 3.03 million colonies producing honey in 1992, compared with 3.18 million in 1991. Yield per colony averaged 72.8 pounds, up 3.9 pounds from the 68.9 pounds in 1991. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 38.9 million pounds on December 15, 1992, up 7 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Up Slightly

Prices for the 1992 crop averaged 55.8 cents per pound, up slightly from the 1991 price of 55.6 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. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this report. Higher prices received for extra light amber honey resulted in the slightly higher price for all honey in 1992.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 1991-92

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	1991 ^{1/}	1992	1991 ^{1/}	1992	1991 ^{1/}	1992
Cents per Pound						
Water White,						
Extra White, White	54.9	54.4	72.7	72.6	55.7	55.4
Extra Light Amber	52.5	54.2	82.1	84.2	54.7	56.3
Light Amber,						
Amber, Dark Amber	52.6	52.1	81.1	78.8	56.2	56.1
All Other Honey,						
Area Specialties	52.2	51.6	88.3	86.5	58.4	57.5
All Honey	53.8	53.7	78.9	78.0	55.6	55.8

^{1/} Revised, includes honey produced in 1991 that was sold in 1992.

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Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value by State and United States, 1991 ^{1/}

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	--- 1,000 Pounds ---	Pounds --	Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	23	24	552	66	63	348
AZ	75	50	3,750	750	53	1,988
AR	47	79	3,713	557	54	2,005
CA	520	63	32,760	3,276	54	17,690
CO	50	79	3,950	514	63	2,489
FL	225	83	18,675	1,307	53	9,898
GA	102	42	4,284	129	63	2,699
HI	10	131	1,310	328	57	747
ID	140	46	6,440	1,739	54	3,478
IL	21	52	1,092	393	79	863
IN	21	50	1,050	368	68	714
IA	70	59	4,130	909	57	2,354
KS	35	52	1,820	291	60	1,092
KY	7	25	175	88	96	168
LA	40	70	2,800	168	53	1,484
ME	13	42	546	213	69	377
MD	7	25	175	60	112	196
MI	105	73	7,665	2,683	57	4,369
MN	180	91	16,380	2,457	54	8,845
MS	28	36	1,008	71	52	524
MO	28	65	1,820	528	62	1,128
MT	86	92	7,912	1,187	57	4,510
NE	108	67	7,236	1,302	53	3,835
NV	15	54	810	275	78	632
NJ	11	31	341	130	92	314
NM	20	77	1,540	447	56	862
NY	77	62	4,774	1,337	62	2,960
NC	18	58	1,044	167	66	689
ND	215	103	22,145	3,100	54	11,958
OH	48	61	2,928	761	63	1,845
OK	9	70	630	252	85	536
OR	56	46	2,576	721	56	1,443
PA	40	45	1,800	594	70	1,260
SC	11	61	671	107	77	517
SD	225	101	22,725	4,091	54	12,272
TN	14	38	532	106	69	367
TX	140	78	10,920	1,201	54	5,897
UT	45	34	1,530	199	55	842
VT	6	75	450	198	80	360
VA	16	33	528	58	72	380
WA	85	42	3,570	678	57	2,035
WV	26	24	624	287	87	543
WI	110	67	7,370	1,843	56	4,127
WY	41	52	2,132	192	55	1,173
Oth	12	21	252	103	118	297
Sts ^{3/}						
US ^{4/}	3,181	68.9	219,171	36,231	55.6	121,859

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies. 1991 data revised. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan. ^{3/} CT, DE, MA, NH, and RI not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ^{4/} U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales. Total may not add due to rounding.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value by State and United States, 1992 ^{1/}

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	1,000	Pounds	-- 1,000 Pounds	---	Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	25	41	1,025	113	61	625
AZ	70	54	3,780	1,285	52	1,966
AR	45	65	2,925	410	54	1,580
CA	470	67	31,490	4,094	54	17,005
CO	52	74	3,848	847	63	2,424
FL	220	104	22,880	2,517	53	12,126
GA	85	55	4,675	701	66	3,086
HI	9	138	1,242	460	56	696
ID	135	51	6,885	1,308	53	3,649
IL	16	53	848	237	89	755
IN	15	31	465	186	70	326
IA	65	62	4,030	766	56	2,257
KS	28	58	1,624	244	59	958
KY	4	30	120	54	83	100
LA	45	107	4,815	385	50	2,408
ME	15	22	330	122	76	251
MD	6	23	138	51	88	121
MI	95	68	6,460	2,067	59	3,811
MN	190	90	17,100	3,591	55	9,405
MS	25	65	1,625	163	51	829
MO	25	77	1,925	366	64	1,232
MT	87	110	9,570	1,818	57	5,455
NE	96	75	7,200	792	53	3,816
NV	15	65	975	341	85	829
NJ	8	22	176	48	96	169
NM	18	68	1,224	502	56	685
NY	70	66	4,620	1,802	65	3,003
NC	15	45	675	95	78	527
ND	240	91	21,840	2,184	53	11,575
OH	43	33	1,419	233	60	851
OK	9	52	468	80	68	318
OR	52	49	2,548	841	62	1,580
PA	30	41	1,230	566	71	873
SC	11	69	759	99	77	584
SD	240	85	20,400	3,264	54	11,016
TN	7	43	301	66	70	211
TX	125	85	10,625	1,488	54	5,738
UT	47	56	2,632	632	59	1,553
VT	6	63	378	200	86	325
VA	13	38	494	84	74	366
WA	80	44	3,520	1,197	58	2,042
WV	23	55	1,265	759	81	1,025
WI	105	66	6,930	1,525	59	4,089
WY	41	70	2,870	287	55	1,579
Oth						
Sts ^{3/}	9	26	234	63	99	232
US ^{4/}	3,030	72.8	220,584	38,933	55.8	123,086

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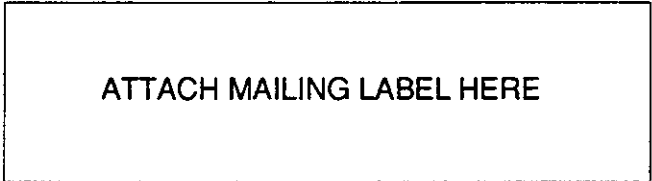
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