

Honey



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United States Honey Production Up 4 Percent

Honey production in 1993 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 230 million pounds, up 4 percent from 1992. There were 2.88 million colonies producing honey in 1993, compared with 3.03 million in 1992. Yield per colony averaged 80.1 pounds, up 7.3 pounds from the 72.8 pounds in 1992. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 49.1 million pounds on December 15, 1993, up 26 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Down 1 Percent

Prices for the 1993 crop averaged 54.4 cents per pound, down 1 percent from the 1992 price of 55.0 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. Government payments are excluded from the honey prices published in this report. Lower prices received for water white and extra light amber resulted in the lower price for all honey in 1993.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 1992-93

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private:		Retail		All	
	1992 ^{1/}	1993	1992 ^{1/}	1993	1992 ^{1/}	1993
Cents per Pound						
Water White,						
Extra White, White	53.9	52.8	74.6	73.8	55.0	53.9
Extra Light Amber	52.7	51.1	80.9	74.3	55.0	54.4
Light Amber,						
Amber, Dark Amber	51.2	49.8	80.5	88.8	55.1	55.5
All Other Honey,						
Area Specialties	48.6	46.4	95.5	103.9	54.2	55.6
All Honey	52.9	51.7	78.7	80.3	55.0	54.4

^{1/} Revised, includes honey produced in 1992 that was sold in 1993.

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

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <u>2/</u>	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	-- 1,000 Pounds --	Pounds --	Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	25	41	1,025	113	59	605
AZ	70	54	3,780	1,285	55	2,079
AR	45	65	2,925	410	52	1,521
CA	470	67	31,490	4,094	52	16,375
CO	52	74	3,848	847	59	2,270
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	54	671
ID	135	51	6,885	1,308	52	3,580
IL	16	53	848	237	88	746
IN	15	31	465	186	72	335
IA	65	62	4,030	766	57	2,297
KS	28	58	1,624	244	59	958
KY	4	30	120	54	74	89
LA	45	107	4,815	385	51	2,456
ME	15	22	330	122	77	254
MD	6	23	138	51	99	137
MI	95	68	6,460	2,067	59	3,811
MN	190	90	17,100	3,591	54	9,234
MS	25	65	1,625	163	51	829
MO	25	77	1,925	366	65	1,251
MT	87	110	9,570	1,818	55	5,264
NE	96	75	7,200	792	53	3,816
NV	15	65	975	341	85	829
NJ	8	22	176	48	91	160
NM	18	68	1,224	502	61	747
NY	70	66	4,620	1,802	61	2,818
NC	15	45	675	95	79	533
ND	240	91	21,840	2,184	53	11,575
OH	43	33	1,419	233	60	851
OK	9	52	468	80	74	346
OR	52	49	2,548	841	58	1,478
PA	30	41	1,230	566	71	873
SC	11	69	759	99	78	592
SD	240	85	20,400	3,264	53	10,812
TN	7	43	301	66	74	223
TX	125	85	10,625	1,488	52	5,525
UT	47	56	2,632	632	58	1,527
VT	6	63	378	200	75	284
VA	13	38	494	84	71	351
WA	80	44	3,520	1,197	58	2,042
WV	23	55	1,265	759	85	1,075
WI	105	66	6,930	1,525	58	4,019
WY	41	70	2,870	287	54	1,550
Oth Sts <u>3/</u>	9	26	234	63	99	232
US <u>4/</u>	3,030	72.8	220,584	38,933	55.0	121,321

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. 1992 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.

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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 --	Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	19	45	855	103	67	573
AZ	55	77	4,235	932	50	2,118
AR	50	73	3,650	548	51	1,862
CA	500	90	45,000	7,200	51	22,950
CO	53	73	3,869	1,161	61	2,360
FL	200	113	22,600	2,712	51	11,526
GA	80	56	4,480	179	60	2,688
HI	9	177	1,593	1,020	59	940
ID	133	71	9,443	1,700	53	5,005
IL	15	48	720	252	84	605
IN	12	66	792	364	69	546
IA	60	49	2,940	441	56	1,646
KS	23	57	1,311	891	60	787
KY	4	60	240	89	84	202
LA	47	86	4,042	1,213	53	2,142
ME	15	36	540	178	65	351
MD	7	27	189	77	142	268
MI	90	77	6,930	2,980	55	3,812
MN	180	80	14,400	2,160	53	7,632
MS	17	61	1,037	114	48	498
MO	24	78	1,872	318	58	1,086
MT	87	98	8,526	1,449	54	4,604
NE	83	70	5,810	930	54	3,137
NV	14	52	728	328	98	713
NJ	9	28	252	116	89	224
NM	18	64	1,152	541	68	783
NY	65	62	4,030	1,733	59	2,378
NC	15	53	795	143	88	700
ND	220	90	19,800	2,772	53	10,494
OH	35	66	2,310	1,155	65	1,502
OK	6	67	402	169	85	342
OR	53	67	3,551	994	60	2,131
PA	28	40	1,120	605	63	706
SC	11	90	990	129	69	683
SD	245	98	24,010	4,322	52	12,485
TN	8	51	408	86	93	379
TX	105	82	8,610	2,755	53	4,563
UT	42	53	2,226	445	55	1,224
VT	6	82	492	216	65	320
VA	10	54	540	59	79	427
WA	60	45	2,700	513	56	1,512
WV	20	37	740	259	65	481
WI	100	82	8,200	4,100	61	5,002
WY	34	55	1,870	393	54	1,010
Oth Sts ^{3/}	9	40	360	219	126	454
US ^{4/}	2,876	80.1	230,368	49,063	54.4	125,320

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^{4/} U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales. Total may not add due to rounding.

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