

Honey



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United States Honey Production Down 6 Percent

Honey production in 1994 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 217 million pounds, down 6 percent from 1993. There were 2.77 million colonies producing honey in 1994, compared with 2.88 million in 1993. Yield per colony averaged 78.4 pounds, down 1.8 pounds from the 80.2 pounds in 1993. Colonies that produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 59.8 million pounds on December 15, 1994, up 22 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Down 5 Percent

Prices for the 1994 crop averaged 51.2 cents per pound, down 5 percent from the 1993 price of 53.9 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. Prices were lower for all color classes in 1994.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 1993-94

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private:		Retail		All	
	1993 1/	1994	1993 1/	1994	1993 1/	1994
Cents per Pound						
Water White.						
Extra White, White	52.5	49.9	77.4	89.7	54.0	50.9
Extra Light Amber	50.4	49.4	76.8	87.0	53.8	52.5
Light Amber,						
Amber, Dark Amber	49.0	46.7	89.7	92.2	53.6	50.8
All Other Honey,						
Area Specialties	45.7	44.0	89.8	102.1	55.0	53.4
All Honey	51.2	49.0	81.3	90.5	53.9	51.2

1/ Revised, includes honey produced in 1993 that was sold in 1994.

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Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value by State and United States, 1993 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	19	45	855	103	59	504
AZ	55	77	4,235	932	52	2,202
AR	50	73	3,650	548	50	1,825
CA	500	90	45,000	7,200	50	22,500
CO	53	73	3,869	1,161	58	2,244
FL	200	113	22,600	2,712	50	11,300
GA	80	56	4,480	179	61	2,733
HI	9	177	1,593	1,020	52	828
ID	133	71	9,443	1,700	52	4,910
IL	15	48	720	252	96	691
IN	12	66	792	364	70	554
IA	60	49	2,940	441	56	1,646
KS	23	57	1,311	891	56	734
KY	4	60	240	89	84	202
LA	47	86	4,042	1,213	52	2,102
ME	13	50	650	215	68	442
MD	7	27	189	77	147	278
MI	90	77	6,930	2,980	57	3,950
MN	180	80	14,400	2,160	53	7,632
MS	17	61	1,037	114	49	508
MO	24	73	1,752	298	59	1,034
MT	95	98	9,310	1,583	54	5,027
NE	83	70	5,810	930	53	3,079
NV	14	52	728	328	95	692
NJ	9	28	252	116	87	219
NM	18	64	1,152	541	68	783
NY	65	62	4,030	1,733	63	2,539
NC	15	53	795	143	90	716
ND	220	90	19,800	2,772	52	10,296
OH	30	66	1,980	990	66	1,307
OK	6	67	402	169	81	326
OR	53	67	3,551	994	56	1,989
PA	28	40	1,120	605	64	717
SC	11	90	990	129	60	594
SD	245	98	24,010	4,322	52	12,485
TN	8	51	408	86	93	379
TX	105	82	8,610	2,755	51	4,391
UT	42	53	2,226	445	55	1,224
VT	6	82	492	216	67	330
VA	10	54	540	59	81	437
WA	60	45	2,700	513	61	1,647
WV	20	37	740	259	111	821
WI	100	82	8,200	4,100	59	4,838
WY	34	55	1,870	393	53	991
Oth Sts 3/	9	40	360	219	123	443
US 4/	2,876	80.2	230,655	49,049	53.9	124,323

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. 1993 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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	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
AL	18	50	900	99	50	450
AZ	47	59	2,773	166	51	1,414
AR	50	71	3,550	817	48	1,704
CA	400	60	24,000	6,480	50	12,000
CO	45	76	3,420	1,813	57	1,949
FL	230	84	19,320	2,898	46	8,887
GA	80	63	5,040	958	58	2,923
HI	11	100	1,100	429	50	550
ID	127	59	7,493	1,274	50	3,747
IL	13	80	1,040	468	105	1,092
IN	13	54	702	204	83	583
IA	55	66	3,630	1,089	69	2,505
KS	19	47	893	214	64	572
KY	3	54	162	57	101	164
LA	35	98	3,430	515	46	1,578
ME	8	55	440	172	61	268
MD	7	36	252	83	98	247
MI	90	86	7,740	3,870	56	4,334
MN	170	79	13,430	2,149	52	6,984
MS	19	53	1,007	352	47	473
MO	25	77	1,925	270	52	1,001
MT	119	105	12,495	3,624	51	6,372
NE	72	55	3,960	1,465	52	2,059
NV	14	54	756	174	93	703
NJ	9	33	297	107	62	184
NM	19	64	1,216	730	47	572
NY	68	68	4,624	2,451	65	3,006
NC	15	59	885	266	97	858
ND	235	138	32,430	7,459	46	14,918
OH	27	64	1,728	691	59	1,020
OK	5	58	290	104	88	255
OR	50	65	3,250	1,008	53	1,723
PA	27	47	1,269	622	58	736
SC	10	100	1,000	150	82	820
SD	260	100	26,000	8,580	51	13,260
TN	6	51	306	107	97	297
TX	103	74	7,622	2,058	49	3,735
UT	43	59	2,537	1,218	54	1,370
VT	5	77	385	189	70	270
VA	11	52	572	109	64	366
WA	60	62	3,720	1,265	54	2,009
WV	20	44	880	414	114	1,003
WI	75	71	5,325	1,864	55	2,929
WY	46	69	3,174	667	53	1,682
Oth						
Sts 3/	6	37	222	114	109	242
US 4/	2,770	78.4	217,168	59,813	51.2	111,190

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