

Honey



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United States Honey Production Up 12 Percent

Honey production in 1998 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 220 million pounds, up 12 percent from 1997. There were 2.63 million colonies producing honey in 1998, up slightly from 1997. Yield per colony averaged 83.7 pounds, up 9.0 pounds from the 74.7 pounds in 1997. Colonies which produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 80.8 million pounds on December 15, 1998, up 14 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Down 13 Percent

Prices for the 1998 crop averaged 65.5 cents per pound, down 13 percent from 75.2 cents in 1997. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the State level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Coop and Private prices were lower for all color classes in 1998.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 1997-98

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>	<i>Cents per Pound</i>	<i>Cents per Pound</i>	<i>Cents per Pound</i>	<i>Cents per Pound</i>	<i>Cents per Pound</i>
Water White, Extra White, White	74.3	64.7	117.9	113.4	75.7	65.7
Extra Light Amber	72.7	61.2	123.8	104.8	76.4	64.2
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	68.1	60.2	127.1	119.9	72.8	66.0
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	66.0	64.5	201.0	168.4	79.8	83.2
All Honey	72.2	62.9	125.7	114.7	75.2	65.5

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 1997 ¹**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	14	66	924	92	81	748
AZ	42	80	3,360	1,344	72	2,419
AR	50	95	4,750	3,468	70	3,325
CA	420	75	31,500	9,450	70	22,050
CO	35	55	1,925	982	82	1,579
FL	240	67	16,080	2,734	73	11,738
GA	75	46	3,450	587	79	2,726
HI	9	146	1,314	158	86	1,130
ID	120	64	7,680	2,304	72	5,530
IL	7	69	483	222	127	613
IN	8	71	568	352	113	642
IA	45	74	3,330	1,765	86	2,864
KS	17	71	1,207	688	81	978
KY	3	60	180	54	148	266
LA	44	115	5,060	759	70	3,542
ME	8	19	152	9	70	106
MD	6	40	240	65	159	382
MI	85	70	5,950	3,273	77	4,582
MN	145	73	10,585	2,011	74	7,833
MS	19	73	1,387	777	73	1,013
MO	24	77	1,848	517	78	1,441
MT	107	120	12,840	4,237	74	9,502
NE	61	67	4,087	2,738	77	3,147
NV	14	61	854	171	114	974
NJ	10	49	490	201	104	510
NM	15	60	900	396	87	783
NY	72	60	4,320	2,246	85	3,672
NC	8	58	464	139	119	552
ND	245	100	24,500	7,350	74	18,130
OH	22	80	1,760	827	85	1,496
OK	4	58	232	97	137	318
OR	50	53	2,650	1,537	79	2,094
PA	22	48	1,056	528	100	1,056
SD	240	65	15,600	8,736	74	11,544
TN	7	62	434	148	147	638
TX	94	106	9,964	3,188	75	7,473
UT	32	52	1,664	699	75	1,248
VT	5	63	315	249	83	261
VA	8	53	424	157	145	615
WA	60	52	3,120	1,498	76	2,371
WV	8	70	560	280	111	622
WI	79	60	4,740	2,797	90	4,266
WY	38	62	2,356	660	75	1,767
Oth Sts ³	14	81	1,134	206	145	1,644
US ⁴	2,631	74.7	196,536	70,696	75.2	147,795

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ CT, DE, MA, NH, RI and SC 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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AL	16	71	1,136	159	72	818
AZ	55	60	3,300	1,485	64	2,112
AR	53	65	3,445	1,688	59	2,033
CA	450	83	37,350	12,326	62	23,157
CO	27	72	1,944	1,594	70	1,361
FL	230	98	22,540	4,508	64	14,426
GA	75	56	4,200	307	69	2,898
HI	8	118	944	66	75	708
ID	120	50	6,000	2,220	65	3,900
IL	9	71	639	204	119	760
IN	9	92	828	489	85	704
IA	50	78	3,900	2,301	70	2,730
KS	16	46	736	390	87	640
KY	3	50	150	51	140	210
LA	41	111	4,551	865	59	2,685
ME	10	26	260	117	69	179
MD	7	44	308	92	110	339
MI	80	85	6,800	3,672	66	4,488
MN	140	79	11,060	2,765	65	7,189
MS	18	86	1,548	898	58	898
MO	23	66	1,518	455	76	1,154
MT	115	122	14,030	5,472	64	8,979
NE	64	70	4,480	2,240	86	3,853
NV	10	46	460	175	165	759
NJ	11	49	539	167	76	410
NM	14	55	770	470	76	585
NY	65	80	5,200	2,444	70	3,640
NC	8	59	472	151	138	651
ND	230	128	29,440	8,832	63	18,547
OH	18	78	1,404	702	83	1,165
OK	4	51	204	63	124	253
OR	50	45	2,250	1,620	90	2,025
PA	23	66	1,518	698	80	1,214
SD	225	95	21,375	10,901	64	13,680
TN	7	64	448	121	132	591
TX	91	77	7,007	1,612	62	4,344
UT	30	58	1,740	557	65	1,131
VT	6	64	384	207	107	411
VA	8	37	296	86	133	394
WA	58	51	2,958	1,361	64	1,893
WV	6	55	330	155	114	376
WI	89	91	8,099	5,264	72	5,831
WY	46	60	2,760	524	68	1,877
Oth Sts ⁴	15	66	990	334	121	1,198
US ⁵	2,633	83.7	220,311	80,808	65.5	144,304

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