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United States Honey Production Up 8 Percent

Honey production in 2000 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 221 million pounds, up 8 percent from 1999. There were 2.63 million colonies producing honey in 2000, down 2 percent from 1999. Yield per colony averaged 83.9 pounds, up 7.5 pounds from the 76.4 pounds in 1999. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 86.2 million pounds on December 15, 2000, up 9 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Down 1 Percent

Prices for the 2000 crop averaged 59.4 cents per pound, down 1 percent from 60.1 cents in 1999. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Co-op and private prices were lower for all color classes except 'Other Honey' in 2000.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 1999-00

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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	60.1	56.2	123.4	119.4	60.9	58.4
Extra Light Amber	55.1	54.0	124.5	122.7	59.8	59.3
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	51.2	49.8	129.1	137.6	59.0	58.9
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	61.7	63.7	150.3	195.3	73.7	92.4
All Honey	56.4	54.5	126.6	132.8	60.1	59.4

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 1999 ¹**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	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	17	68	1,156	185	56	647
AZ	52	62	3,224	1,548	62	1,999
AR	52	89	4,628	2,592	53	2,453
CA	505	60	30,300	10,302	55	16,665
CO	27	76	2,052	1,436	68	1,395
FL	228	102	23,256	4,186	53	12,326
GA	65	51	3,315	497	64	2,122
HI	8	80	640	32	80	512
ID	120	48	5,760	3,110	59	3,398
IL	9	66	594	327	115	683
IN	10	81	810	437	90	729
IA	40	65	2,600	2,028	65	1,690
KS	13	67	871	854	111	967
KY	3	50	150	12	124	186
LA	48	114	5,472	821	49	2,681
ME	14	22	308	89	83	256
MD	6	46	276	50	164	453
MI	73	85	6,205	3,475	66	4,095
MN	145	82	11,890	3,210	61	7,253
MS	18	73	1,314	591	54	710
MO	24	65	1,560	437	68	1,061
MT	122	70	8,540	2,135	60	5,124
NE	58	77	4,466	1,965	61	2,724
NV	9	45	405	271	154	624
NJ	10	44	440	154	57	251
NM	15	52	780	476	77	601
NY	69	70	4,830	2,077	66	3,188
NC	9	46	414	104	162	671
ND	255	105	26,775	8,836	59	15,797
OH	20	74	1,480	784	72	1,066
OK	6	45	270	49	134	362
OR	45	57	2,565	2,026	80	2,052
PA	25	60	1,500	705	76	1,140
SD	224	104	23,296	13,046	60	13,978
TN	8	51	408	106	130	530
TX	108	81	8,748	2,799	64	5,599
UT	26	45	1,170	433	68	796
VT	6	66	396	222	63	249
VA	7	35	245	86	117	287
WA	52	50	2,600	1,170	60	1,560
WV	6	39	234	152	109	255
WI	80	75	6,000	4,560	68	4,080
WY	37	72	2,664	746	61	1,625
Oth Sts ^{4 5}	14	46	643	254	192	1,235
US ⁵	2,688	76.4	205,250	79,375	60.1	126,075

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

² Stocks held by producers. ³ Prices weighted by sales. ⁴ CT, DE, MA, NH, RI and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ⁵ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

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	<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	16	78	1,248	187	59	736
AZ	40	59	2,360	1,322	73	1,723
AR	55	93	5,115	3,529	57	2,916
CA	440	70	30,800	11,396	58	17,864
CO	29	60	1,740	957	62	1,079
FL	232	105	24,360	2,923	54	13,154
GA	55	57	3,135	376	63	1,975
HI	7	112	784	125	81	635
ID	100	47	4,700	2,679	52	2,444
IL	8	61	488	146	117	571
IN	8	65	520	286	103	536
IA	30	67	2,010	1,206	67	1,347
KS	15	68	1,020	520	91	928
KY	3	48	144	40	135	194
LA	43	94	4,042	1,334	52	2,102
ME	11	21	231	143	75	173
MD	6	46	276	52	114	315
MI	72	75	5,400	2,970	60	3,240
MN	150	90	13,500	3,105	57	7,695
MS	17	72	1,224	649	69	845
MO	23	75	1,725	362	60	1,035
MT	148	86	12,728	5,982	59	7,510
NE	50	87	4,350	2,610	59	2,567
NV	10	35	350	95	145	508
NJ	11	35	385	200	61	235
NM	15	64	960	739	72	691
NY	58	80	4,640	2,274	55	2,552
NC	11	49	539	243	143	771
ND	290	115	33,350	13,340	56	18,676
OH	18	65	1,170	585	79	924
OK	7	35	245	64	126	309
OR	48	51	2,448	1,665	66	1,616
PA	22	45	990	554	76	752
SD	235	121	28,435	12,796	57	16,208
TN	9	61	549	104	143	785
TX	105	79	8,295	2,986	57	4,728
UT	24	41	984	462	60	590
VT	7	59	413	211	68	281
VA	7	42	294	103	150	441
WA	52	54	2,808	1,151	58	1,629
WV	7	54	378	234	122	461
WI	84	90	7,560	4,385	68	5,141
WY	39	93	3,627	798	59	2,140
Oth Sts ^{4,5}	17	40	685	270	173	1,183
US ⁵	2,634	83.9	221,005	86,158	59.4	132,205

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