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United States Honey Production Down 5 Percent

Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Down 15 Percent

Honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004. 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. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2005 were lower than the previous year for all color class totals.

Special Note

The procedure and methodology used in creating the price estimates for this report were modified to more accurately reflect each individual color class within the market channel. These changes to the honey program, along with additional sales of 2004 crop honey, resulted in revisions to the 2004 price estimates.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2004-05

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	104.4	82.4	177.0	186.7	107.5	86.2
Extra Light Amber	95.9	79.4	150.6	178.0	102.0	88.3
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	85.9	80.1	196.0	178.9	105.1	99.1
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	113.9	91.6	231.5	279.2	161.5	108.4
All Honey	99.2	81.6	182.6	183.3	106.9	90.4

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 2004 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	12	87	1,044	282	141	1,472
AZ	32	55	1,760	774	111	1,954
AR	40	57	2,280	388	86	1,961
CA	390	45	17,550	5,792	101	17,726
CO	23	80	1,840	791	135	2,484
FL	205	98	20,090	2,009	100	20,090
GA	63	49	3,087	648	119	3,674
HI	8	96	768	77	159	1,221
ID	100	63	6,300	2,520	99	6,237
IL	7	55	385	193	186	716
IN	7	59	413	145	149	615
IA	35	67	2,345	1,337	106	2,486
KS	14	80	1,120	683	117	1,310
KY	5	56	280	34	196	549
LA	35	98	3,430	240	78	2,675
ME	7	31	217	37	128	278
MI	65	67	4,355	2,439	114	4,965
MN	135	75	10,125	1,924	104	10,530
MS	18	65	1,170	421	79	924
MO	16	41	656	151	138	905
MT	140	77	10,780	3,773	105	11,319
NE	51	89	4,539	2,043	97	4,403
NV	14	55	770	316	247	1,902
NJ	12	27	324	45	141	457
NM	8	44	352	127	119	419
NY	64	67	4,288	1,887	138	5,917
NC	9	40	360	72	193	695
ND	390	78	30,420	9,126	102	31,028
OH	16	58	928	353	152	1,411
OR	42	54	2,268	1,111	121	2,744
PA	30	54	1,620	810	142	2,300
SD	215	105	22,575	13,545	100	22,575
TN	6	54	324	91	173	561
TX	116	76	8,816	1,411	95	8,375
UT	23	70	1,610	531	107	1,723
VT	6	68	408	192	151	616
VA	7	38	266	69	209	556
WA	56	63	3,528	1,376	98	3,457
WV	9	55	495	183	141	698
WI	68	86	5,848	2,632	119	6,959
WY	39	75	2,925	380	107	3,130
Oth Sts ^{4 5}	18	51	923	264	243	2,242
US ⁵	2,556	71.8	183,582	61,222	106.9	196,259

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.

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AL	13	66	858	266	128	1,098
AZ	36	50	1,800	720	97	1,746
AR	36	69	2,484	571	95	2,360
CA	400	75	30,000	9,300	84	25,200
CO	26	70	1,820	837	104	1,893
FL	160	86	13,760	2,477	87	11,971
GA	59	49	2,891	434	84	2,428
HI	9	131	1,179	283	134	1,580
ID	95	37	3,515	1,793	80	2,812
IL	8	85	680	408	162	1,102
IN	8	64	512	189	119	609
IA	28	88	2,464	1,232	98	2,415
KS	16	50	800	328	124	992
KY	5	50	250	40	212	530
LA	35	97	3,395	611	71	2,410
ME	8	26	208	193	187	389
MI	65	68	4,420	2,519	99	4,376
MN	120	74	8,880	1,598	83	7,370
MS	16	80	1,280	346	66	845
MO	15	50	750	180	121	908
MT	130	67	8,710	3,136	80	6,968
NE	40	68	2,720	2,530	89	2,421
NV	12	46	552	442	209	1,154
NJ	12	32	384	104	118	453
NM	7	49	343	113	102	350
NY	60	73	4,380	2,321	122	5,344
NC	10	54	540	146	194	1,048
ND	370	91	33,670	8,418	81	27,273
OH	15	69	1,035	580	141	1,459
OR	39	42	1,638	557	108	1,769
PA	28	56	1,568	800	105	1,646
SD	220	79	17,380	11,818	76	13,209
TN	7	55	385	92	164	631
TX	84	71	5,964	954	85	5,069
UT	23	45	1,035	331	103	1,066
VT	6	91	546	169	106	579
VA	8	37	296	59	221	654
WA	51	55	2,805	1,935	106	2,973
WV	8	51	408	102	124	506
WI	64	83	5,312	2,922	114	6,056
WY	40	56	2,240	291	87	1,949
Oth Sts ^{4 5}	18	44	786	261	278	2,184
US ⁵	2,410	72.5	174,643	62,406	90.4	157,795

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