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## United States Honey Production Up 1 Percent

Honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2003. There were 2.56 million colonies producing honey in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. Yield per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, up 3 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2003. 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 61.2 million pounds on December 15, 2004, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

## Honey Prices Down 22 Percent

Honey prices decreased during 2004 to 108.5 cents, down 22 percent from 138.7 cents in 2003. 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. Honey prices for 2004 were lower than the previous year for all color classes except the All Other Honey, Area Specialties class. Honey prices for 2003 crop honey reflect honey sold in 2003 and 2004.

**Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2003-04**

Color Class	Price					
	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<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	141.1	109.5	185.8	172.8	143.5	121.1
Extra Light Amber	132.6	98.5	180.8	174.9	136.5	104.3
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	124.9	84.6	192.6	190.5	131.8	100.6
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	111.2	109.4	246.6	279.5	133.5	164.7
All Honey	134.7	101.5	188.5	188.7	138.7	108.5

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,  
and Value by State and United States, 2003 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>	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	13	82	1,066	43	124	1,322
AZ	35	72	2,520	983	134	3,377
AR	40	75	3,000	810	126	3,780
CA	480	67	32,160	6,432	139	44,702
CO	24	86	2,064	722	140	2,890
FL	210	71	14,910	1,491	132	19,681
GA	52	65	3,380	270	128	4,326
HI	7	114	798	43	145	1,157
ID	100	46	4,600	1,380	133	6,118
IL	7	60	420	252	183	769
IN	5	56	280	78	166	465
IA	32	59	1,888	868	142	2,681
KS	16	57	912	447	141	1,286
KY	5	48	240	14	167	401
LA	34	90	3,060	275	124	3,794
ME	8	33	264	145	141	372
MD	2	42	84	21	193	162
MI	65	74	4,810	1,732	141	6,782
MN	120	83	9,960	1,892	144	14,342
MS	21	69	1,449	246	129	1,869
MO	17	53	901	189	141	1,270
MT	145	66	9,570	1,914	144	13,781
NE	45	74	3,330	1,299	138	4,595
NV	6	64	384	46	204	783
NJ	10	19	190	101	160	304
NM	6	41	246	108	120	295
NY	67	72	4,824	1,640	136	6,561
NC	10	44	440	79	192	845
ND	340	87	29,580	6,803	136	40,229
OH	15	50	750	278	140	1,050
OK	3	47	141	69	184	259
OR	42	51	2,142	964	127	2,720
PA	27	50	1,350	419	144	1,944
SC	4	70	280	8	189	529
SD	215	70	15,050	2,709	143	21,522
TN	6	40	240	46	152	365
TX	140	67	9,380	1,126	140	13,132
UT	25	57	1,425	157	128	1,824
VT	7	83	581	163	196	1,139
VA	6	37	222	69	168	373
WA	58	56	3,248	942	146	4,742
WV	8	47	376	194	189	711
WI	74	77	5,698	2,678	147	8,376
WY	39	81	3,159	474	141	4,454
Oth Sts <sup>4 5</sup>	8	44	355	166	289	1,027
US <sup>5 6</sup>	2,599	70	181,727	40,785	138.7	253,106

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<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

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AL	12	87	1,044	282	140	1,462
AZ	32	55	1,760	774	115	2,024
AR	40	57	2,280	388	90	2,052
CA	390	45	17,550	5,792	101	17,726
CO	23	80	1,840	791	148	2,723
FL	205	98	20,090	2,009	100	20,090
GA	63	49	3,087	648	118	3,643
HI	8	96	768	77	141	1,083
ID	100	63	6,300	2,520	101	6,363
IL	7	55	385	193	193	743
IN	7	59	413	145	158	653
IA	35	67	2,345	1,337	128	3,002
KS	14	80	1,120	683	123	1,378
LA	35	98	3,430	240	79	2,710
ME	7	31	217	37	127	276
MI	65	67	4,355	2,439	117	5,095
MN	135	75	10,125	1,924	104	10,530
MS	18	65	1,170	421	80	936
MO	16	41	656	151	137	899
MT	140	77	10,780	3,773	106	11,427
NE	51	89	4,539	2,043	107	4,857
NV	14	55	770	316	330	2,541
NJ	12	27	324	45	138	447
NM	8	44	352	127	122	429
NY	64	67	4,288	1,887	133	5,703
NC	9	40	360	72	218	785
ND	390	78	30,420	9,126	105	31,941
OH	16	58	928	353	150	1,392
OR	42	54	2,268	1,111	124	2,812
PA	30	54	1,620	810	138	2,236
SD	215	105	22,575	13,545	106	23,930
TN	6	54	324	91	172	557
TX	116	76	8,816	1,411	96	8,463
UT	23	70	1,610	531	104	1,674
VT	6	68	408	192	145	592
VA	7	38	266	69	213	567
WA	56	63	3,528	1,376	103	3,634
WV	9	55	495	183	142	703
WI	68	86	5,848	2,632	133	7,778
WY	39	75	2,925	380	109	3,188
Oth Sts <sup>4 5</sup>	23	52	1,203	298	228	2,746
US <sup>5 6</sup>	2,556	71.8	183,582	61,222	108.5	201,790

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