

## Wisconsin 2007 Honey Yield and Production Slips

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On December 15, 2007, producer honey stocks in Wisconsin were 3.02 million pounds, an increase of 21 percent from 2006. Wisconsin's 2007 honey crop was valued at \$5.80 million, down 15 percent from last year's \$6.79 million. The average price for a pound of honey in Wisconsin was \$1.15, up 1 cent from the previous year. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels.

National honey production in 2007 was 148 million pounds, a decrease of 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million honey producing colonies in the U.S., up 2 percent from 2.39 million last year. The average yield fell 6 percent to 60.8 pounds per colony. On December 15, 2007, honey producers held 52.5 million pounds in stock, down 13 percent from last year.

Honey prices in the U.S. averaged \$1.03 per pound in 2007. This is down slightly from a year ago. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

## Honey Production

State	No of Colonies		Production		Average Price		Honey Stocks Dec. 15 1/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands		Thous. lbs.		Cents per lb.		Thous. lbs.	
WI	64	60	5,952	5,040	114	115	2,500	3,024
CA	380	340	19,760	13,600	99	104	7,706	3,672
FL	170	160	13,770	11,360	101	99	1,790	1,363
GA	63	60	4,662	3,480	122	114	746	522
MI	72	72	3,960	4,608	117	114	2,099	2,350
MN	125	130	10,000	8,840	96	99	3,300	2,564
MT	132	135	10,428	9,180	96	94	1,981	2,203
ND	350	420	25,900	31,080	92	92	7,770	9,013
SD	225	255	10,575	13,260	95	93	10,575	10,608
TX	82	105	5,740	8,610	91	95	976	1,550
US	2,393	2,442	154,907	148,482	103.6	103.2	60,548	52,484

1/Stocks held by producers do not include stocks under loan. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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