

BEES and HONEY PRODUCTION

Honey production from producers with five or more colonies in New England totaled 1.1 million pounds in 2003, a decrease of 23 percent from the previous year. Vermont led the New England States with 581,000 pounds produced, or 51 percent of the six-State total production. The average yield from the region's total of 21,400 honey

producing colonies was 54 pounds per colony, down seven percent from the average yield in 2002. Maine contributed 37 percent of New England's colonies. Total value of honey production for New England in 2003 was \$2.3 million, an increase of one percent from 2002's value.

HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 1994 - 2003 ^{1/}

State and Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production	Stocks ^{2/} as of December 15
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
Maine						
1994	8.0	55	440	60	264	172
1995	11.0	45	495	97	480	223
1996	9.0	23	207	106	219	21
1997	8.0	19	152	70	106	9
1998	10.0	26	260	69	179	117
1999	14.0	22	308	83	256	89
2000	11.0	21	231	75	173	143
2001	11.0	20	220	79	174	106
2002	11.0	41	451	121	546	266
2003	8.0	33	264	140	370	145
Massachusetts						
1994	3.0	36	108	155	167	79
1995	5.0	29	145	192	278	65
1996	4.0	25	100	208	208	16
1997	2.0	66	132	187	247	67
1998	2.5	61	153	219	334	52
1999	3.5	35	123	205	251	56
2000	5.0	38	190	192	365	87
2001	2.7	42	113	294	333	40
2002	2.9	65	189	249	469	92
2003	2.6	51	133	307	406	57
Vermont						
1994	5.0	77	385	87	335	189
1995	5.0	67	335	86	288	131
1996	4.0	83	332	101	335	93
1997	5.0	63	315	83	261	249
1998	6.0	64	384	85	326	207
1999	6.0	66	396	63	249	222
2000	7.0	59	413	68	281	211
2001	7.0	81	567	92	522	249
2002	7.0	89	623	120	748	274
2003	7.0	83	581	192	1,116	163

See footnotes after the New England table.

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	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
Other States ^{4/}						
1994	1.9	38	72	113	81	28
1995	1.9	42	79	144	114	33
1996	1.7	45	76	159	121	34
1997	1.9	56	107	191	204	47
1998	2.7	58	157	164	257	104
1999	3.5	47	163	225	366	86
2000	3.0	40	119	224	267	46
2001	2.9	39	113	212	240	62
2002	4.9	48	235	219	515	118
2003	3.8	45	170	246	418	87
New England						
1994	17.9	56	1,005	84	847	468
1995	22.9	46	1,054	110	1,160	452
1996	18.7	38	715	123	883	164
1997	16.9	42	706	116	818	372
1998	21.2	45	954	115	1,096	480
1999	27.0	37	990	113	1,122	453
2000	26.0	37	953	114	1,086	487
2001	23.6	43	1,013	125	1,269	457
2002	25.8	58	1,498	152	2,278	750
2003	21.4	54	1,148	201	2,310	452

^{1/} For producers with five or more honey producing colonies.

^{2/} Stocks held by producers; does not include stocks under loan.

^{3/} Information not available.

^{4/} Includes Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

