

HONEY

Honey production from Maine and Vermont producers with five or more colonies totaled 554,000 pounds in 2007, a reduction of six percent from 2006. Yields from Maine's and Vermont's 14,000 colonies producing honey averaged 40 pounds in 2007, compared with 35

pounds a year earlier. Total value of production for the two states totaled \$728,000, down ten percent from the previous year. Nationwide, 2007 honey production totaled 148.5 million pounds, a decline of four percent from the previous year.

HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value, and Stocks, 1998 – 2007 ¹

| State and Year | Honey Producing Colonies ² | Yield per Colony | Production | Stocks as of December 15 ³ | Average Price per Pound ⁴ | Value of Production ⁵ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 1,000 | Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | Cents | 1,000 Dollars |
| Maine | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 10 | 26 | 260 | 117 | 69 | 179 |
| 1999 | 14 | 22 | 308 | 89 | 83 | 256 |
| 2000 | 11 | 21 | 231 | 143 | 75 | 173 |
| 2001 | 11 | 20 | 220 | 106 | 79 | 174 |
| 2002 | 11 | 41 | 451 | 266 | 121 | 546 |
| 2003 | 8 | 33 | 264 | 145 | 141 | 372 |
| 2004 | 7 | 31 | 217 | 37 | 128 | 278 |
| 2005 | 8 | 26 | 208 | 193 | 166 | 345 |
| 2006 | 11 | 23 | 253 | 86 | 161 | 407 |
| 2007 | 9 | 26 | 234 | 59 | 139 | 325 |
| Vermont | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 6 | 64 | 384 | 207 | 85 | 326 |
| 1999 | 6 | 66 | 396 | 222 | 63 | 249 |
| 2000 | 7 | 59 | 413 | 211 | 68 | 281 |
| 2001 | 7 | 81 | 567 | 249 | 92 | 522 |
| 2002 | 7 | 89 | 623 | 274 | 120 | 748 |
| 2003 | 7 | 83 | 581 | 163 | 196 | 1,139 |
| 2004 | 6 | 68 | 408 | 192 | 151 | 616 |
| 2005 | 6 | 91 | 546 | 169 | 112 | 612 |
| 2006 | 6 | 56 | 336 | 144 | 120 | 403 |
| 2007 | 5 | 64 | 320 | 96 | 126 | 403 |
| Other States ^{6,7} | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 16 | 63 | 1,008 | 342 | 137 | 1,377 |
| 1999 | 15 | 45 | 681 | 274 | 198 | 1,347 |
| 2000 | 18 | 40 | 728 | 288 | 178 | 1,297 |
| 2001 | 8 | 38 | 303 | 137 | 233 | 707 |
| 2002 | 9 | 50 | 453 | 216 | 229 | 1,036 |
| 2003 | 8 | 44 | 355 | 166 | 289 | 1,027 |
| 2004 | 18 | 51 | 923 | 264 | 243 | 2,242 |
| 2005 | 19 | 43 | 821 | 268 | 274 | 2,246 |
| 2006 | 18 | 44 | 787 | 294 | 252 | 1,983 |
| 2007 | 18 | 49 | 873 | 271 | 253 | 2,209 |
| United States ⁷ | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 2,637 | 84 | 220,527 | 80,907 | 66 | 147,468 |
| 1999 | 2,652 | 77 | 203,068 | 78,664 | 60 | 125,004 |
| 2000 | 2,622 | 84 | 220,286 | 85,244 | 60 | 132,865 |
| 2001 | 2,550 | 73 | 186,051 | 64,901 | 71 | 132,989 |
| 2002 | 2,574 | 67 | 171,718 | 39,393 | 133 | 228,338 |
| 2003 | 2,599 | 70 | 181,727 | 40,785 | 139 | 253,106 |
| 2004 | 2,556 | 72 | 183,582 | 61,222 | 107 | 196,259 |
| 2005 | 2,413 | 72 | 174,818 | 62,478 | 92 | 160,428 |
| 2006 | 2,393 | 65 | 154,907 | 60,548 | 104 | 160,484 |
| 2007 | 2,442 | 61 | 148,482 | 52,484 | 103 | 153,233 |

¹ For producers with five or more honey producing colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state.

² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year including colonies which did not survive the entire year.

³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁶ CT, DE, MD, MA, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

⁷ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.