

HONEY PRODUCTION

Honey production from producers with five or more colonies in New England totaled 1.2 million pounds in 2005, an increase of 16 percent from the previous year. Vermont led the New England states with 546,000 pounds produced, or 46 percent of the six-state total production. Maine beekeepers held the most honey producing colonies in 2005, with 8,000 colonies

controlled. The average yield from the region's total of 22,700 honey producing colonies was 52 pounds, six percent above the 2004 average yield. Total value of production for New England in 2005 was \$2.4 million, up 14 percent from 2004's value.

HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 1996 - 2005 ^{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						
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	141	372	145
2004	7.0	31	217	127	278	37
2005	8.0	26	208	187	389	193
MASSACHUSETTS						
1996	4.0	25	100	208	208	16
1997	2.0	66	132	187	247	67
1998	2.5	61	153	219	335	52
1999	3.5	35	123	204	251	57
2000	5.0	38	190	252	479	87
2001	2.7	42	113	276	312	40
2002	2.9	65	189	242	457	93
2003	2.6	51	133	316	419	57
2004	2.6	55	143	343	490	53
2005	4.0	50	200	3.49	698	104
VERMONT						
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	196	1,139	163
2004	6.0	68	408	151	616	192
2005	6.0	91	546	106	579	169

See footnotes after the New England table.

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OTHER STATES ^{3/}						
1996	1.7	45	76	159	121	33
1997	1.9	56	107	191	204	49
1998	2.9	59	170	174	295	113
1999	4.3	47	201	238	479	106
2000	4.0	41	162	228	370	65
2001	4.3	40	170	216	368	92
2002	4.9	48	235	230	541	119
2003	4.4	45	197	260	513	102
2004	5.2	48	248	278	690	98
2005	4.7	48	225	313	705	80
NEW ENGLAND						
1996	18.7	38	715	123	883	163
1997	16.9	42	706	116	818	374
1998	21.4	45	967	117	1,135	489
1999	27.8	37	1,028	120	1,235	474
2000	27.0	37	996	131	1,303	506
2001	25.0	43	1,070	129	1,376	487
2002	25.8	58	1,498	153	2,292	752
2003	22.0	53	1,175	208	2,443	467
2004	20.8	49	1,016	204	2,072	380
2005	22.7	52	1,179	201	2,371	546

^{1/} For producers with five or more honey producing colonies.
^{2/} Stocks held by producers; does not include stocks under loan.
^{3/} Includes Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

