

HONEY PRODUCTION

New England honey production from producers with five or more colonies totaled 995,000 pounds in 2006, a reduction of 16 percent from 2005. Although 2,000 more colonies were producing in 2006 in the region, reductions in yield per colony in the two largest producing states of Maine and Vermont offset the increase.

Yields from New England's 24,700 colonies producing honey averaged 40 pounds in 2006, compared with 52 pounds a year earlier, and the five-year average of 51 pounds per colony. Total value of production across all six states was placed at \$2.1 million, down five percent from the previous year.

HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value, and Stocks, 1997 – 2006 ^{1/}

State and Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production	Stocks as of December 15 ^{2/}
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
Maine						
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	128	278	37
2005	8.0	26	208	166	345	193
2006	11.0	23	253	200	506	86
Massachusetts						
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	290	386	57
2004	2.6	55	143	343	490	53
2005 ^{3/}						
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Vermont						
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	112	612	169
2006	6.0	56	336	121	407	144

See footnotes after the New England table.