



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS HONEY PRODUCTION  
DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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AUSTIN . . . Texas beekeepers produced 8.82 million pounds of honey during 2004, down 6 percent from 2003.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the total value of Texas honey production was \$8.46 million, down 36 percent from the previous year. Producers averaged 96 cents per pound of honey, down 44 cents from the \$1.40 per pound in 2003.

The total number of bee colonies producing honey in Texas, at 116 thousand, was down 17 percent from a year ago; production per colony averaged 76 pounds, compared with 67 pounds a year ago.

Nationally, honey production totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2003. During 2004 there were 2.56 million colonies producing honey, down 2 percent from 2003. Production per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, compared with 69.9 pounds a year ago.

Total value of United States honey production was \$202 million, a decrease of 20 percent from 2003. The average value was \$108.5 per pound.

North Dakota was the leading honey producing state in 2004 with 30.4 million pounds. South Dakota came in second with 22.6 million pounds followed by Florida with 20.1 million pounds and California with 17.6 million pounds. Texas ranked seventh in honey production.