



Arkansas Bee and Honey Report

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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

2010 Arkansas Honey Production Up 10 Percent

Honey production during 2010 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.5 million pounds, up 10 percent from 2009. There were 25,000 honey producing colonies in 2010, up 1,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 60 pounds of honey, up 5 percent from 2009. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2010, were 360,000 pounds, up 20 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey increased to \$1.47 per pound in 2010 from \$1.42 per pound in 2009. The total value of honey production totaled \$2.21 million, up 13 percent from the previous year.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Arkansas and U.S., 2009-2010¹

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2009 ²	2010	% Change from '09	2009 ²	2010	% Change from '09
Honey Producing Colonies ³	1,000 Colonies	24	25	+ 4	2,498	2,684	+ 7
Yield per Colony	Pounds	57	60	+ 5	58.6	65.5	+ 12
Production	1,000 Pounds	1,368	1,500	+ 10	146,416	175,904	+ 20
Stocks on December 15 ⁴	1,000 Pounds	301	360	+ 20	37,516	45,307	+ 21
Average Price per Pound ⁵	Cents	142	147	+ 4	147.3	160.3	+ 9
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	1,943	2,205	+ 13	215,671	281,974	+ 31

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

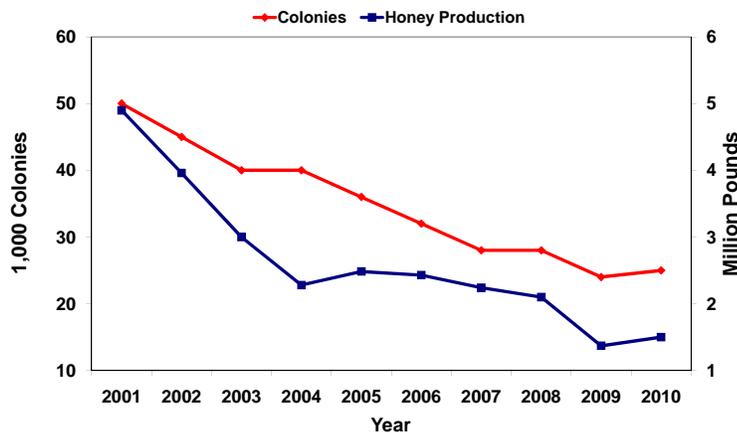
² Revised.

³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

⁴ Stocks held by producers.

⁵ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Arkansas, 2001-2010



Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2009-2010

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-op and Private			Retail			All		
	2009	2010	% Change from '09	2009	2010	% Change from '09	2009	2010	% Change from '09
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
All Honey	141.5	153.1	+ 8	283.7	305.4	+ 8	147.3	160.3	+ 9
Water White, Extra White, and White	142.6	156.2	+ 10	252.6	293.7	+ 16	144.0	158.3	+ 10
Extra Light Amber	144.5	151.4	+ 5	252.5	251.6	- <0.5	150.4	156.6	+ 4
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	135.1	148.2	+ 10	291.4	329.2	+ 13	148.2	164.1	+ 11
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	179.8	171.7	- 5	414.3	433.5	+ 5	247.9	205.0	- 17

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2006-2010

