



# 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.

## 2011 Arkansas Honey Colony Yield Up 7 Percent

Honey production during 2011 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.41 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2010. There were 22,000 honey producing colonies in 2011, down 3,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 64 pounds of honey, up 7 percent from 2010. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2011, were 239,000 pounds, down 34 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey increased to \$1.61 per pound in 2011 from \$1.47 per pound in 2010. The total value of honey production totaled \$2.27 million, up 3 percent from the previous year.

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Arkansas and U.S., 2010-2011<sup>1</sup>**

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2010 <sup>2</sup>	2011	% Change from '10	2010 <sup>2</sup>	2011	% Change from '10
Honey Producing Colonies <sup>3</sup>	1,000 Colonies	25	22	- 12	2,692	2,491	- 7
Yield per Colony	Pounds	60	64	+ 7	65.6	59.6	- 9
Production	1,000 Pounds	1,500	1,408	- 6	176,462	148,357	- 16
Stocks on December 15 <sup>4</sup>	1,000 Pounds	360	239	- 34	45,018	36,761	- 18
Average Price per Pound <sup>5</sup>	Cents	147	161	+ 10	161.9	172.9	+ 7
Value of Production <sup>6</sup>	1,000 Dollars	2,205	2,267	+ 3	285,692	256,509	- 10

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

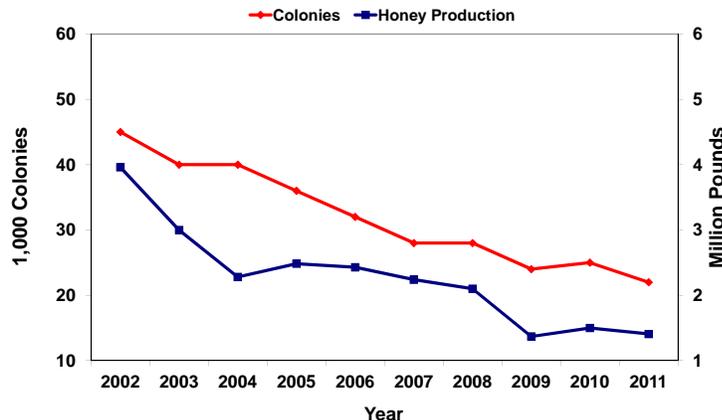
<sup>3</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

<sup>4</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>5</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>6</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

**Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Arkansas, 2002-2011**



### Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2010-2011

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-op and Private			Retail			All		
	2010	2011	% Change from '10	2010	2011	% Change from '10	2010	2011	% Change from '10
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
<b>All Honey</b>	154.1	164.3	+ 7	311.6	328.4	+ 5	161.9	172.9	+ 7
Water White, Extra White, and White	157.5	165.9	+ 5	297.1	281.0	- 5	159.8	169.1	+ 6
Extra Light Amber	151.1	161.3	+ 7	266.3	307.6	+ 16	157.6	168.3	+ 7
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	148.9	163.9	+ 10	330.5	340.7	+ 3	167.0	178.8	+ 7
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	172.1	180.5	+ 5	471.4	511.9	+ 9	208.1	217.1	+ 4

**All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2007-2011**

