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1996 Output Increases, Price at a Record High

Hawaii honey production is estimated at **1.2 million pounds** for 1996, an increase of 20 percent from the 1995 total and rebounding after two years of decline, according to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*. Most of the honey is produced on Hawaii island. Rainfall improved for some areas previously

affected by the 1995 dry weather, allowing bees to forage on more floral sources and increase honey production. The number of colonies producing honey totaled 8,000, the same as 1995. Colonies used for other than honey production, such as pollination and queen bee rearing, are not included in this colony count. Honey yield per colony averaged 155 pounds, up 26 pounds from last year's average. Producers received a record high 80.0 cents per pound, 24.0 cents above the revised 1995 average. The higher prices and production boosted the value of honey production to almost \$1.0 million, also a record, and 72 percent above the 1995 value.

Beeswax production increased 2,000 pounds to total 18,000 pounds in 1996. The average price was \$2.17 per pound, more than double the 1995 total. Beeswax value totaled \$39,000 compared to \$17,000 generated last year. The value of queen bee sales is not included in this release to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States Honey Production Down 6 Percent

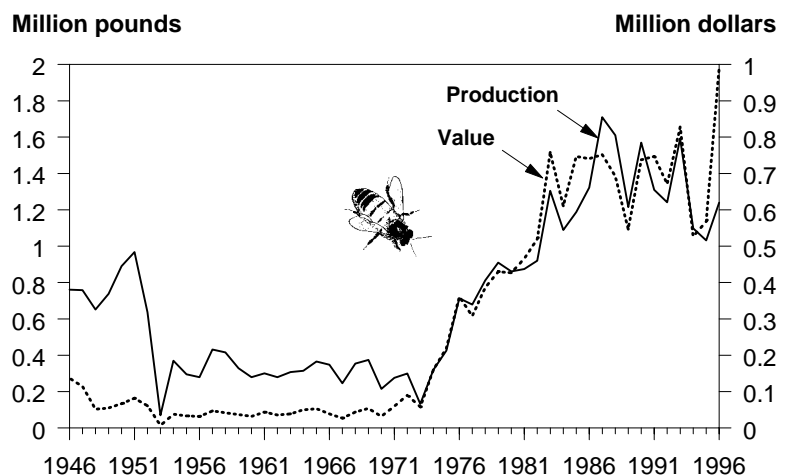
Honey production in 1996 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 198 million pounds, down 6 percent from 1995. There were 2.57 million colonies producing honey in 1996, compared with 2.65 million in 1995. Yield per colony averaged 77.2 pounds, down 2.3 pounds from the 79.5 pounds in 1995. Colonies which produced in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may be understated. Producer honey stocks were 47.0 million pounds on December 15, 1996, up 11 percent from a year earlier.

Honey Prices Up 31 Percent

Prices for the 1996 crop averaged a record high 89.4 cents per pound, up 31 percent from the previous record price of 68.5 cents in 1995. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. At the U.S. level, prices for each color are derived by weighting State average prices by the State quantities sold. Prices were higher for all color classes in 1996.

Honey: Production and Value

State of Hawaii 1946-1996



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Honey: Number of colonies, honey and beeswax production, price and value, State of Hawaii, 1946-96

Year	Honey producing colonies	Production		Yield per colony	Average price		Value of production	
		honey (extracted)	beeswax		honey (extracted)	beeswax	honey (extracted)	beeswax
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>.....1,000 pounds.....</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	<i>.....Cents per pound.....</i>		<i>.....1,000 dollars.....</i>	
1946	7.2	761	15	106	18.0	47	137	7
1947	8.7	758	15	87	15.0	44	114	7
1948	9.0	652	12	72	8.0	43	52	5
1949	8.5	738	12	87	7.5	38	55	5
1950	10	890	18	89	7.5	41	67	7
1951	11	968	13	88	8.5	52	82	7
1952	13	637	8	49	9.5	45	61	4
1953	10	70	7	7	10.4	40	7	3
1954	10	370	7	37	10.3	42	38	3
1955	8	296	8	37	11.2	46	33	4
1956	8	280	6	35	11.5	53	32	3
1957	8	432	9	54	10.8	59	47	5
1958	8	416	7	52	10.1	46	42	3
1959	7	329	6	47	11.3	41	37	2
1960	7	280	5	40	11.4	44	32	2
1961	7	301	5	43	14.7	42	44	2
1962	7	280	5	40	12.8	42	36	2
1963	7	308	5	44	12.6	42	39	2
1964	7	315	4	45	15.8	40	50	2
1965	6	366	9	61	14.6	45	53	4
1966	6	348	6	58	11.1	44	39	3
1967	6	246	4	41	11.0	63	27	3
1968	6	354	8	59	12.5	73	44	6
1969	5	375	7	75	14.3	68	54	5
1970	5	215	4	43	15.0	78	32	3
1971	4	276	6	69	21.7	65	60	4
1972	4	300	6	75	30.1	75	90	5
1973	3	132	5	44	44.1	90	58	5
1974	4	320	8	80	50.1	123	160	10
1975	6	426	16	71	51.4	110	219	18
1976	7	714	9	102	50.5	130	361	12
1977	7	679	11	97	45.4	126	308	14
1978	7	812	11	116	47.6	183	387	20
1979	7	910	15	130	47.2	180	430	27
1980	7	861	20	123	49.6	172	427	34
1981	7	875	16	125	53.3	186	466	30
1982	8	920	14	115	56.5	210	520	29
1983	9	1,305	21	145	58.1	230	758	48
1984	9	1,089	17	121	56.1	195	611	33
1985	9	1,188	18	132	62.9	190	747	34
1986	9	1,323	18	147	56.0	155	741	28
1987	9	1,710	19	190	44.0	145	752	28
1988	9	1,611	24	179	43.0	132	693	32
1989	9	1,215	18	135	45.0	124	547	22
1990	10	1,570	17	157	47.0	119	738	20
1991	10	1,310	22	131	57.0	116	747	26
1992	9	1,242	29	138	54.0	115	671	33
1993	9	1,593	18	177	52.0	222	828	40
1994	9	1,098	15	122	48.0	167	527	25
1995	8	1,032	16	129	56.0	106	578	17
1996	8	1,240	18	155	80.0	217	992	39

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 1996 1/

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production -- 1,000	Stocks Dec 15 2/	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production 1,000 Dollars
AL	16	64	1,024	102	86	881
AZ	32	60	1,920	307	84	1,613
AR	40	84	3,360	336	87	2,923
CA	390	70	27,300	4,641	84	22,932
CO	30	74	2,220	1,132	79	1,754
FL	240	105	25,200	2,268	91	22,932
GA	75	68	5,100	306	89	4,539
HI	8	155	1,240	62	80	992
ID	110	45	4,950	1,535	90	4,455
IL	11	74	814	285	130	1,058
IN	9	75	675	412	107	722
IA	58	67	3,886	933	98	3,808
KS	16	51	816	294	96	783
KY	3	60	180	23	127	229
LA	37	106	3,922	784	84	3,294
ME	10	23	230	23	126	290
MD	7	32	224	40	111	249
MI	90	96	8,640	4,320	110	9,504
MN	150	77	11,550	1,617	91	10,511
MS	17	80	1,360	299	85	1,156
MO	22	74	1,628	326	92	1,498
MT	117	60	7,020	1,825	88	6,178
NE	65	75	4,875	1,755	92	4,485
NV	14	61	854	68	105	897
NJ	5	45	225	119	106	239
NM	15	77	1,155	219	94	1,086
NY	68	80	5,440	2,557	88	4,787
NC	12	44	528	53	106	560
ND	230	86	19,780	4,945	90	17,802
OH	24	70	1,680	840	98	1,646
OK	4	59	236	54	107	253
OR	55	59	3,245	1,071	92	2,985
PA	23	46	1,058	370	99	1,047
SC	9	90	810	81	113	915
SD	240	97	23,280	6,751	91	21,185
TN	5	64	320	90	137	438
TX	82	83	6,806	1,361	87	5,921
UT	34	46	1,564	328	85	1,329
VT	4	83	332	93	108	359
VA	7	50	350	119	136	476
WA	57	58	3,306	1,025	89	2,942
WV	10	59	590	207	169	997
WI	69	78	5,382	2,422	83	4,467
WY	40	73	2,920	526	91	2,657
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Sts 3/	6	31	186	51	155	288
US 4/	2,566	77.2	198,095	46,975	89.4	177,097

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

2/ Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan.

3/ CT, DE, MA, NH, and RI not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

4/ U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales. Total may not add due to rounding.

U.S. honey imports totaled 68.3 thousand metric tons in 1996, up 69 percent from the 1995 total. The value of 1996 imports pegged at \$110.7 million compared to 1995's value of \$47.4 million. Imports from Argentina surpassed China, the former lead exporter to the U.S. Almost half of the 1996 total honey imports was listed under the white color class.

Subject descriptions of general imports included in the 1996 total by harmonized import number:

0409000025: Comb Honey and Honey Packaged for Retail Sale.

0409000042: Natural Honey, Not Packed for Retail Sales, White.

0409000044: Natural Honey, Not for Retail, Extra Light Amber.

0409000062: Natural Honey, Not for Retail, Light Amber.

0409000064: Natural Honey, Not Packaged for Retail, Nesoi.

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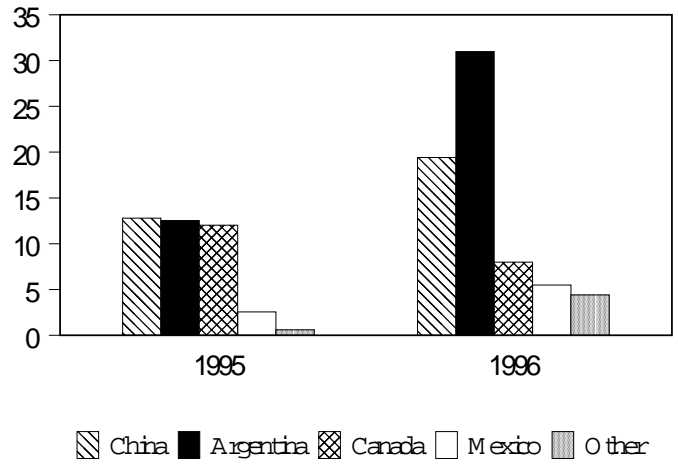
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U.S. Honey Imports by Country of Origin

Metric Tons (000's)

1995 - 1996



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