

# Honey Production, 1998

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Honey production for 1998 by producers with 5 or more hives totaled 1.5 million pounds. Honey producers took honey from 23,000 colonies, with an average yield of 66 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 698,000 pounds.

Honey producers received an average price of \$.80 per pound for the 1998 crop.

The 1998 honey production is valued at 1,214,000 dollars. Pennsylvania ranks 24th in the nation for honey production.

A sample of honey producers were surveyed in December for information on number of colonies, honey production, honey stocks on hand for sale, and prices received for honey sold.

Pennsylvania: Honey, Production & Value, 1980-1998

Year	Colonies of Bees	Yield Per Colony	Production	Price Per Pound	Total Value	Stocks on Hand <sup>1</sup>
	(000)	Pounds	(000)	Dollars	(000)	(000)
1980	80	41	3,280	.70	2,296	1,181
1981	85	30	2,550	.83	2,119	995
1986 <sup>2</sup>	50	32	1,600	.55	880	624
1987	48	39	1,872	.68	1,273	711
1988	45	46	2,070	.67	1,387	683
1989	41	39	1,599	.62	991	560
1990	41	28	1,148	.67	769	379
1991	40	45	1,800	.70	1,260	594
1992	30	41	1,230	.71	873	566
1993	28	40	1,120	.64	717	605
1994	27	47	1,269	.60	761	622
1995	25	43	1,075	.73	785	376
1996	23	46	1,058	1.02	1,079	370
1997	22	48	1,056	1.00	1,056	528
1998	23	66	1,518	.80	1,214	698

<sup>1</sup> Stocks on hand December 15 for sale. <sup>2</sup> Survey discontinued after 1981 and reinstated in 1986.

Pennsylvania & Major States: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks & Value, 1998

State	Colonies of Bees	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15	Value of Production
	(000)	Pounds	(000) Pounds		(000) Dollars
California	450	83	37,350	12,326	23,157
Florida	230	98	22,540	4,508	14,426
Georgia	75	56	4,200	307	2,898
Idaho	120	50	6,000	2,200	3,900
Iowa	50	78	3,900	2,301	2,730
Louisiana	41	111	4,551	865	2,685
Michigan	80	85	6,800	3,672	4,488
Minnesota	140	79	11,060	2,765	7,189
Montana	115	122	14,030	5,472	8,979
Nebraska	64	70	4,480	2,240	3,853
New York	65	80	5,200	2,444	3,640
North Dakota	230	128	29,440	8,832	18,547
Pennsylvania	23	66	1,518	698	1,214
South Dakota	225	95	21,375	10,901	13,680
Texas	91	77	7,007	1,612	4,344
Wisconsin	89	91	8,099	5,264	5,831
Other States	545	60.1	32,761	14,401	22,743
U. S. TOTAL	2,633	83.7	220,311	80,808	144,304