

its figures for 1999 honey production, colony numbers and number of beekeepers. Total honey production was 76.4 million pounds which is substantially down from last year's bumper crop of 102 million pounds, but above the 1993-1997 average of 67 million pounds. Beekeeper numbers are up to 10,852 from 1999's 10,500 and total colony numbers are also up to 577,505 from last year's 563,614.

AUSTRALIA

Beekeepers in Queensland have said the spring honey crop is down due to rainy, cool weather. As this was written, beekeepers were gathering a crop of gray ironbark and brush box that are usually unreliable in the high country. Fortunately, the heavy spring rains should help summer honey flows. There is little or no change in the price of honey to producers at this time. Th
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CHINA

Recent reports from China suggest that demand for honey and related hive products are up. However, the 1999 crop was similar to last year, so this is causing some price increases. Colonies are wintering well and moisture conditions are described as adequate for spring plant growth.

HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1999 IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER

(From December National Honey Market News)

PRICES PAID TO BEEKEEPERS FOR EXTRACTED, UNPROCESSED HONEY IN MAJOR PRODUCING STATES BY PACKERS, HANDLERS & OTHER LARGE USERS, CENTS PER POUND, F.O.B. OR DELIVERED NEARBY, CONTAINERS EXCHANGED OR RETURNED, PROMPT DELIVERY & PAYMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

ARKANSAS

- Mixed Flowers, Light Amber, 41¢
- Soybean & Soybean/Cotton, Light Amber, 46 - 47¢

CALIFORNIA

- Alfalfa, White, 55¢ --- Extra Light Amber, 46 - 50¢
- Alfalfa/Cotton, Extra Light Amber, 46 - 54¢ --- Light Amber, 44¢
- Mixed Flowers, White, 53¢, Extra Light Amber, 45 - 47¢
- Mixed Flowers, Light Amber, 44 - 45¢
- Mixed Flowers, Amber, 37¢ --- Cappings 33¢

FLORIDA

- Brazilian Pepper, Light Amber (Bakery Grade), 42¢
- Gallberry, Light Amber, 42¢
- Mixed Flowers, Light Amber, 41¢
- Orange, Extra Light Amber, 53¢ --- Dark Amber, 42¢
- Tupelo, White, \$1.20
- Wax, Light, \$1.45

IDAHO

- Alfalfa, Light Amber, 50¢ (Small Lot)
- Clover, White, 57 - 58¢
- Mixed Flowers, Light Amber, 45¢ (Small Lot)
- Star Thistle, Extra Light Amber, 45 - 50¢
- Wild Flowers, Amber, 40¢ (Small Lot)

MICHIGAN

- Clover, White, 50¢

MINNESOTA

- Buckwheat, White, 60¢
- Clover, White, 54 - 60¢

MONTANA

- Clover, White, 53 - 60¢

NEBRASKA

- Clover, White, 56 - 60¢

NORTH DAKOTA

- Buckwheat, Light Amber, 58¢
- Clover, White, 54 - 60¢
- Sunflower, Light Amber, 55¢

OREGON

- Blackberry, White, 55¢ (Small Lot)
- Clover, White, 55¢

PENNSYLVANIA

- Wildflowers, Light Amber, 45¢

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Buckwheat, Light Amber, 58¢
- Clover, White, 54 - 60¢
- Sunflower, Light Amber, 55¢

TEXAS

- Chinese Tallow, Extra Light Amber, 44¢ --- Amber, 45¢
- Cotton, Light Amber, 45¢

UTAH

- Alfalfa, Extra Light Amber, 48¢ --- Light Amber, 45¢

WASHINGTON

- Alfalfa, Light Amber, 45¢
- Buckwheat, Dark Amber, 35¢ (Small Lot)
- Wildflowers, Amber, 40¢

WYOMING

- Alfalfa, White, 60¢

PRICES PAID TO CANADIAN BEEKEEPERS FOR UNPROCESSED BULK HONEY BY PACKERS AND IMPORTERS IN U.S. CURRENCY; F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT, CONTAINERS INCLUDED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. DUTY AND CROSSING CHARGES EXTRA. CENTS PER POUND.

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- Clover, White, 54¢

MANITOBA

- Rapeseed/Clover, White, 51¢

WINNIPEG

- Clover, Water White, 57¢ (Delivered To Packer in U.S.)

PROVINCE UNKNOWN

- Mixed Flowers, Extra White, 54¢

PRICES PAID TO IMPORTERS FOR BULK HONEY, DUTY PAID, CONTAINERS INCLUDED, CENTS PER POUND EX-DOCK OR POINT OF ENTRY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

EAST COAST... ARGENTINA

- Clover, White, 50 - 50.5¢

ARGENTINA

- Mixed Flowers, White, 49 - 50¢
- Mixed Flowers, Light Amber, 48¢
- Mixed Flowers, Extra Light Amber, 48 - 49¢

CHINA

- Mixed Flowers, Light Amber, 41¢

WEST COAST... CHINA

- Mixed Flowers, Extra Light & Light Amber, 45¢

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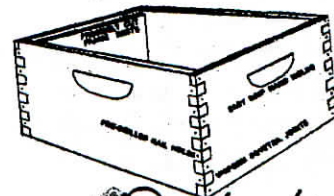
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