

# BEE AND HONEY INQUIRY – December 2017

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## Annual Survey of Operations with 5 or more colonies



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State	POID	Tract	Subtr.
_____	_____	_____	_____

1. During 2017, did this operation own or control any apiaries?

2701  **Yes** - Go to Item 3, page 2       **No** - Continue

2. Did this operation have any honey stocks for sale in 2017 from any production year?

2703  **Yes** - Go to Item 3 , page 2 (Complete columns 1 through 5)       **No** - Go to Item 5, page 3

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**Please Complete the Following Questions for All Apiaries You Owned or Controlled During 2017**

3. Report for each State in which you had colonies or stocks, starting with **Alabama** first. It is possible to report the same colonies in more than one State.

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>State</b> (List all States in which this operation had colonies in <b>2017</b> or stocks from any year.)	<b>What was the largest number of colonies, for all purposes, that this operation had in 2017 in this State?</b> (Include colonies for honey production, pollination, hobby, etc.)  <b>Colonies</b>	<b>From how many of these colonies did you harvest or "pull off" honey in this State?</b>  <b>Colonies</b>	<b>How many total pounds of honey were harvested in this State from these colonies?</b>  <b>Pounds</b>	<b>How many pounds of honey stocks did this operation have for sale in this State on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2017?</b> (Exclude honey under government or CCC loans.)  <b>Pounds</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	701	702	703	704
800 State: _____	801	802	803	804
800 State: _____	801	802	803	804
800 State: _____	801	802	803	804
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4. How many **TOTAL POUNDS** of honey did this operation harvest in all States in 2017? (Total should be sum of column 4.) . . . . .

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5. Did you **sell** any honey during **2017**? (Include **sales** of honey produced in **2016**.)

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**Yes** – Continue

**No** – Go to Item 7

6. Please report **2017** sales of honey, by class and by year of production. Report the pounds sold and dollars received in **2017** by this operation for honey produced by this operation in **2016** and **2017**.  
(Do not include resale of honey produced by another operation.)

HONEY COLOR CLASS	MARKETING CHANNEL	HONEY PRODUCED BY THIS OPERATION IN 2017		HONEY PRODUCED BY THIS OPERATION IN 2016	
		Pounds Sold in 2017	Dollars Received in 2017 <sup>1/</sup>	Pounds Sold in 2017	Dollars Received in 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Water white, extra white, and white (0 – 34 mm)</b>	Sales to Cooperatives (Exclude non-member sales)	727		725	
	Sales to Private Processing Companies (Includes non-member sales to Cooperatives)	723	724 \$	721	722 \$
	Wholesale Sales (grocery stores, restaurants, distributors)	718	719 \$	716	717 \$
	Retail Sales (direct to consumers)	731	732 \$	729	730 \$
<b>Extra light amber (35 - 50mm)</b>	Sales to Cooperatives (Exclude non-member sales)	739		737	
	Sales to Private Processing Companies (Includes non-member sales to Cooperatives)	735	736 \$	733	734 \$
	Wholesale Sales (grocery stores, restaurants, distributors)	714	715 \$	712	713 \$
	Retail Sales (direct to consumers)	743	744 \$	741	742 \$
<b>Light amber, amber and dark amber (51+ mm)</b>	Sales to Cooperatives (Exclude non-member sales)	751		749	
	Sales to Private Processing Companies (Includes non-member sales to Cooperatives)	747	748 \$	745	746 \$
	Wholesale Sales (grocery stores, restaurants, distributors)	775	776 \$	773	774 \$
	Retail Sales (direct to consumers)	755	756 \$	753	754 \$
<b>Area specialties: Sourwood, tupelo, buckwheat, etc.</b> (Honey not included in any of the above color classes)	Sales to Cooperatives (Exclude non-member sales)	763		761	
	Sales to Private Processing Companies (Includes non-member sales to Cooperatives)	759	760 \$	757	758 \$
	Wholesale Sales (grocery stores, restaurants, distributors)	771	772 \$	769	770 \$
	Retail Sales (direct to consumers)	767	768 \$	765	766 \$

<sup>1/</sup> Report receipts before deductions of marketing charges such as transportation, grading, container costs, etc.

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7. During 2017, did this operation receive any income from contracting colonies as pollinators?

1856     **Yes** – Go to Item 7a     **No** – Go to Item 8

a. What was your total dollar amount received from contracting colonies for pollination? . . . . .

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8. During 2017, did this operation receive any other income from honey bees? (Including sales of queen/queen cells, nucs and packages, beeswax, propolis, etc.)

1858     **Yes** – Go to Item 8a     **No** – Go to Item 9

a. What was your total other income from honey bees? . . . . .

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9. During 2017, how many self-created queens were used on this operation for requeening or creating new colonies? (Exclude queens reared for sale.) . . . . .

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10. In 2017, how many queens, packages, and nucs were purchased by this operation, and what was the amount spent on those items?

- a. Purchased queens/queen cells? (Exclude self-created queens.) . . . . .
- b. Purchased packages? (with or without queen) . . . . .
- c. Purchased nucs? . . . . .

None	Number Purchased	Total Dollars Spent
<input type="checkbox"/>	1872	1863 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1873	1864 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1874	1865 \$

11. In 2017, what were total expenditures for the following items on this operation:

- a. Varroa control/treatment? . . . . .
- b. Prevent/treat other colony health issues? (Including Nosema, tracheal mites, foulbrood, paralysis, Kashmir, cloudy wing, etc.) . . . . .
- c. Feed? (Including syrup, sugar water, honey, pollen patties, and other feeds.) . . .
- d. New foundation for combs? (Exclude comb purchased with nucs.) . . . . .
- e. New hives/woodenware? (Langstroth, top bar, other) . . . . .

None	Total Dollars Spent
<input type="checkbox"/>	1860 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1861 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1862 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1866 \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	1867 \$

12. During 2017, did this operation pay any fees to winter colonies in a warehouse or on land?

1868     **Yes** – Go to Item 12a     **No** – Go to Item 13

a. What were your total fees/rent to winter your colonies? . . . . .

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13. During 2017, including yourself, what was the peak number of people working on your apiaries? (Exclude employees that did not work with colonies, i.e. office staff, etc.) . . . . .

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**Complete Items 14, 15, and 16 only if the operation named on the label did NOT report for Items 3, 4, or 6; otherwise, go to Item 17.**

14. Will this operation own or control any apiaries in 2018?

2702       **Yes**                       **No**

15. Has the operation named on the label been sold, rented, or turned over to someone else?

**Yes** – Continue                       **No**      **—————>**

16. What is the name and address of the new operation that has taken over the land or colonies?

Operation Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Operator Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the land be used for any agricultural purpose by you (the operator), or anyone else in the next year, or will you control or own bee colonies in the future? (Include growing crops, grains, row crops, oilseeds, fruits, vegetables, or specialty crops, raising any livestock, poultry or bees).

**Yes**                       **Don't Know**                       **No**

(Regardless of answer to above, write a note to explain the situation.)

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17. **SURVEY RESULTS:** To receive the complete results of this survey on the release date, go to [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide\\_to\\_NASS\\_Surveys/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/)

Would you rather have a brief summary mailed to you at a later date?    9990     **Yes**                       **No**

**This completes the survey. Thank you for your help.**

**Comments:**

Respondent Name: _____	9911 Phone: (      )      -	9910      MM      DD      YY
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Response	9901	Respondent	9902	Mode	9903	Enum.	Eval.	Change	9985	Office Use for POID				
1-Comp		1-Op/Mgr		1-PASI (Mail)		9998	9900			9989	_____ - _____ - _____			
2-R		2-Sp		2-PATI (Tel)										
3-Inac		3-Acct/Bkpr		3-PAPI (Face-to-Face)										
4-Office Hold		4-Partner		6-Email							<b>Optional Use</b>			
5-R – Est		9-Oth		7-Fax						9907	9908	9906	9916	
6-Inac – Est				19-Other										
7-Off Hold – Est														

S/E Name
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