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HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020

IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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.

- REPORT INCLUDES BOTH NEW AND OLD CROP HONEY - (# Some in Small Lot --- +Some delayed payments or previous commitment)

ARKANSAS			
Soybean	Light Amber	\$1.55	
CALIFORNIA			
Sage	White	\$2.35	
DAKOTAS			
Buckwheat	Light Amber	\$1.65	
Canola	White	\$1.50	
Clover	White	\$1.50	- \$1.65
Clover	Extra Light Amber	\$1.65	
Clover	Light Amber	\$1.65	
FLORIDA			
Brazilian Pepper	Light Amber	\$1.60	
Brazilian Pepper	Amber	\$1.60	
Mixed Flower	Extra Light Amber	\$1.60	
IOWA			
Clover	White	\$1.80	- \$1.83
NEW YORK			
Mixed Flower	Amber	\$2.00	
MICHIGAN			
Basswood	Extra Light Amber	\$2.20	
MONTANA			
Clover	White	\$1.68	
Mint	Light Amber	\$1.30	
NEBRASKA			
Spurge	Light Amber	\$1.40	
OREGON			
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.45	
TEXAS			
Clover	White	\$1.65	
WYOMING			
Alfalfa	Light Amber	\$1.65	
Clover	Light Amber	\$1.83	

Clover	White	\$1.17	
Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound, ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.			
ARGENTINA			
Clover	White	\$1.13	- \$1.17
Clover	Extra Light	\$1.17	
Mixed Flowers	White	\$1.08	- \$1.21
Mixed Flowers	Extra Light	\$1.08	- \$1.15
Mixed Flowers	Light Amber	\$1.06	- \$1.13
BRAZIL			
ORGANIC	Extra Light	\$0.96	- \$1.02
ORGANIC	Light Amber	\$0.98	- \$1.29
ORGANIC	Amber	\$0.90	
Orange	Extra Light	\$1.75	
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$0.93	- \$1.01
Mixed Flower	Amber	\$0.87	
HUNGARY			
Acacia	White	\$3.09	
INDIA			
Mixed Flower	White	\$0.78	
Mixed Flower	Extra Light	\$0.77	- \$0.88
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$0.70	- \$0.84
Mustard	White	\$0.87	- \$0.89
Mustard	Extra Light	\$0.83	- \$0.91
Mustard	Light Amber	\$0.83	
UKRAINE			
Sunflower	Extra Light	\$0.97	
VIETNAM			
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$0.66	- \$0.80
Mixed Flower	Amber	\$0.66	- \$0.68

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.

COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING JANUARY 2020

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT (MD, PA, VA, WV): The start of the month saw temperatures averaging 5-10 degrees above normal for the first couple of weeks. During mid-late month a cold spell with daytime temperatures in the thirties brought everyone and the bees back to the reality of winter and as the month closed, temperatures returned to above normal. Beekeepers checked colonies and reported an increase in activity with cleansing flights and even a few reporting pollen gathering as skunk cabbage and witch hazels were beginning to pop at the end of the month. Beekeepers were making decisions on whether to supplement feeding or provide pollen and it mostly it depended on location, size and health of colony and available honey stores. Beekeepers

were also checking equipment and several were ordering new bee packages for spring delivery since they had incurred some colony losses. Three pound packaged bees are trading for \$135.00-155.00 with occasional early booking sales at \$125.00. Generally, colonies were doing well with the unseasonable temperatures. New and established Beekeepers were attending Beekeeping courses and events. Pennsylvania Beekeepers had a successful turn out for the Pennsylvania Farm show in early January with the nicer than average weather.

ALABAMA: A lack of ideal inspection conditions due to the winter season made it difficult to thoroughly assess the state of colonies in Alabama. Anecdotal reports suggest that they performed well. Some beekeepers took advantage of sporadic cooler, wetter conditions to perform varroa mite treatments when brood rearing diminished; however, overall above average temperatures throughout the region suggest that single applications of oxalic acid were not effective and that most colonies possessed brood throughout the month. When temperatures allowed, foragers were often observed returning to colonies with corbicular pollen. Blooming plants included dandelion, tag alder, and henbit.

ARIZONA: Temperatures were at below normal levels across the state of Arizona during the month of January. The main nectar and pollen source for bees across Arizona during the month of December was desert plant bloom.

Bee activity in the state was limited during the month of January. A large number of Arizona bees are currently at other locations, primarily in California, for the pollination of nut and fruit trees, especially almonds. Demand for honey remained good across Arizona.

ARKANSAS: No report issued.

CALIFORNIA: "January was not particularly kind to the bees," one California beekeeper noted as he and others begun to move their colonies into orchards for almond pollination in mid-February. Fees per colony ranged \$200-220, with some 8-framers fetching as much as \$240 in the Sacramento Valley. "I'm getting mixed messages about the actual supply of bees," another beekeeper said. "We had no problem placing our surplus colonies at a good price. Rates generally went up a bit, with lots of pushback from the growers." "With honey prices down, the business model for many beekeepers doesn't work unless they get more for almond pollination," he said. "No telling how this is going to play out."

Cool weather in January kept some bees from foraging on willow and eucalyptus bloom. "We did some supplemental feeding, but it appears to have had little effect," a beekeeper said. "The bees did not build up as normal."

Though colony loss reports were mixed, many beekeepers reported higher than acceptable losses, some in excess of 50 percent. Almond pollination was expected to get under way by February 15. The weather was perfect for placing hives, some said. "We're looking at 65 (Fahrenheit) sunny weather going into bloom, rising quickly to 70," one beekeeper said. "This bodes very well for the bees and the growers."

FLORIDA: Most days in January were warmer than average with about normal precipitation. Bee health was considered to be good as mite treatments applied in December and early January had generally good results. There were few sources of food, except for Spanish Needle, willow and oak, and most beekeepers were having to use supplemental feeding. Over 70,000 hives had been moved to California for almond pollination by a little after the middle of the month. By some estimates 80-90 per cent of commercial beekeepers will move all or most of their bees to California. Almond bloom will begin in early February and may be about a week later than normal and should end by early March. Some bees started pollinating blueberries in Florida in early January and will work blues until early March. Other commercial bees will remain in Florida in anticipation of orange bloom beginning in early March. Most bees in California will return sometime in early to mid-March hoping to catch at least part of the orange blossom season. Some beekeepers are reporting that citrus greening appears to be having less affect in their area and are speculating the trees may be developing some resistance to becoming infected. This may or may not be the reason for the apparent increase in tree health. There was practically no stored honey at the end of the month with none produced for commercial sales during the month.

GEORGIA: Commercial honey sales are very slow, while the retail sales are doing well. Most of the beekeepers are busy with bringing in new Queens and making splits to increase the number of hives and preparing packages for sale. Interest by new beekeepers was put on hold after the major catastrophe from previous hurricanes and wind damages and some are back in business and preparing for a new year after learning to cope with nature and how it affects business. No major losses reported, and the bees are in pretty good shape this winter. Most beekeepers are getting prepared for the early Spring to be able to work with the bees and get the hives ready for the warmer weather coming soon.

IDAHO, COLORADO, UTAH: During the month of January, temperatures were above normal across the entire States of Idaho, Western locations in Utah and most areas in Colorado. Cooler temperatures in January were located in Eastern Utah and around Rifle and Alamosa Colorado. Precipitation during January was below normal around Idaho Falls, Idaho, most of Colorado and Utah. The remaining areas of Idaho, an area around Durango, Colorado and Salt Lake, Utah, generally experienced above normal precipitation during the same period. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor website, Eastern and Southern Idaho, Northern Utah and Northcentral Colorado had normal soil moisture conditions during January. West Central Idaho had abnormal dry conditions to moderate drought conditions. The rest of Utah and Colorado had abnormally dry conditions to a extreme drought condition during the same period. The worst drought conditions seemed to be located in East Central Utah and Western and Southern locations in Colorado.

Beekeepers continue to work on building new supers, frames and pallets, or cleaning and repairing existing supers, frames and pallets. The varroa mite loads commercial beekeeper currently see in their colonies vary from a few to normal levels for this time of year. They stated that the varroa mites never really disappear. The key seems to be treating on a regular basis to keep them in check. Several beekeepers stated that they plan to treat one more time before the almond pollination begins.

Losses have been very high this fall for some commercial beekeepers. Whereas others have seen normal losses, but nothing to be alarmed about at this time. Some losses have their origin based upon residual effects from insecticide treatments this past summer. Beekeepers have been busy feeding their bees that remain as needed. Some beekeepers feed corn syrup or sucrose, while others feed a blend in addition to pollen patties. Some bees were rather light at the end of January. So, the extra supplemental feeding according to beekeepers, not only helps get good brood going into the almond pollination period, but also helps fatten them up.

When beekeepers placed their bees in storage for the winter, they certainly were hoping that no more colony collapse would occur. The waiting game is now over as beekeepers move the final bee colonies to California for the 2020 almond pollination. Many bees that were moved out of the Idaho Potato sheds did not come out very good, according to beekeepers. All of the bee colonies are now in place for the almond pollination in California. It is expected that pollination will began around February 8 to February 10, 2020. According to bee brokers in California, it appears that there is going to be a shortage of bees this year for the 2020 almond pollination. Almond pollination prices seem to have a large dollar range at this time. Prices are still

ranging from \$180.00 to \$215.00, depending upon whether there is a broker involved in the transaction and how many frames are active and ready in each colony.

Demand for Idaho, Utah and Colorado honey seems to be very light on the wholesale level at any price. Several beekeepers stated that it was difficult to find anyone interested in purchasing any amount of wholesale honey. Most packers seem to have ample supplies at this time. Recent wholesale prices for white honey ranged from \$1.10 to \$1.60 per pound. Beekeepers who have not sold their crop of honey from 2020, may be forced to wait a period of time before any market, at any price is available to them according to beekeepers. Foreign competition for the United States honey market seems to be very competitive at this time. The going price for melting wax according to beekeepers for light or dark wax is around \$3.50 per pound. At the moment there does not seem to be much demand on the wholesale level for melting wax.

ILLINOIS: The weather for January has been mild overall with only a brief cold snap with only one significant snowstorm. Beekeepers have been checking on the bees to see how they are doing. Many beekeepers report dead hives from 30 to 50 percent. Beekeepers are also going to meetings. The topics discussed included combatting the varroa mite with a warning about the new mite from Thailand - *tropilalis*. Also discussed were good agricultural management practices that are conducive to good honey crops. Beekeepers are also checking and repairing equipment, ordering packages, preparing for the spring and participating in beekeeping classes. Demand for honey is good at the retail level and fairly good at wholesale level. Prices are generally unchanged.

INDIANA: The weather for January started with above average temperatures, dipped to below average temperatures in the third week in the month and ended with slightly above average temperatures at the end of the month. Most beekeepers report their bees in good condition, but others report dead hives. Beekeepers are going to meetings and checking and repairing equipment. Demand for honey is fairly good at the retail level and demand was slow at the wholesale level. Prices are generally unchanged.

IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA: No report issued.

KENTUCKY: The new decade begins in Kentucky with record warmth, and the toll on the beehives is beginning to be seen. Among hobbyist beekeepers, post-mortems of their dead hives indicate varroa mite damage. For sideliners and commercial beekeepers who treated for varroa mites extensively last year, the hives seem to be surviving with plenty of forager activity. Crocus, witch hazel, and hellebore were in bloom at the very end of January, providing small amounts of pollen. Temperatures have been in the high 40s, with last week of January being in the 50s. Many winter clusters have moved up inside the hives, leading to the worry about early swarms. Swarms have happened in Kentucky as early as March 04, 2017, and if swarms do happen, there may be more winter casualties in March and April than the accustomed dead-outs in January and February.

LOUISIANA: No report issued.

MICHIGAN: Weather conditions have continued to be mild, although not warm enough for cleansing flights. Some beekeepers have reported a few losses, but others with mite and virus issues, have heavier losses. Warmer than normal weather may help, although sick bees generally do not survive a Michigan winter. For hives with healthy bees and adequate food stores, the biggest concern will be early swarming as temperatures increase as Spring approaches. Demand for honey remains steady with local supplies still available. Prices have also remained steady.

MINNESOTA: During the month of January, temperatures were above normal across the entire State of Minnesota. Precipitation in January was generally above normal across the entire State of Minnesota. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor website, the entire State of Minnesota had normal soil moisture conditions during the month of January.

According to beekeepers, the bees that remain are building up and looking good. Sadly, some beekeepers in Minnesota have suffered losses upwards to 80 percent. Massive queen losses are thought to be the main cause of these losses. With poor weather conditions late summer and fall, apparently queens died with little mating and no superseding within the colonies. Thus, causing many colonies to work down towards total collapse. Beekeepers have been busy feeding their bees that remain. Some beekeepers feed corn syrup or sucrose, while others feed a blend. Some of the commercial beekeepers who moved their bees to Southern States are reporting good new pollen from trees. Mite levels seem to be very low at this time.

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Demand for Minnesota honey continues to be very good for locally sourced honey. Wholesale prices for white honey were \$1.40 per pound or less. Beekeepers have expressed the fact that with wholesale honey prices at these low levels, it will be hard for many beekeepers to keep going financially. These lower wholesale prices are way below the cost of production.

MISSISSIPPI: January was a month with a lot of rain. Over fourteen inches reported with the normal being around four inches of rain. There are plenty of blooms waiting for the bees to feed on but with the weather being so sporadic the bees have been in and out and not working as much as the beekeepers would like them to at this time. It has been too wet in and around the hives to work with them and check on the bees at this time.

MONTANA: No report issued.

NEW ENGLAND: In New England, the month of January 2020 exhibited a pattern of erratic weather with a series of warm days with temperatures in the 50's set against an opposite pattern of cold days with temperatures in the 20's. January is usually beset with Nor'easter storms and the common deep freeze of bitter cold temperatures, strong winds and sporadic periods of heavy snow and rainfall. New England has had plenty of rain which has resulted in high moisture levels for the entire region. The mild winter certainly means less stress on honeybee colonies. The big concern is that the bees have been very active, and this uses more of their honey reserve with flights being common with so many days with warm temperatures. Keepers report that many of their hives were light on stores going into the winter, so starvation is a very real threat. The milder temperatures have allowed frequent cleansing flights and ventilation which should reduce disease and improve overwintering.

So far into 2020, there have been reportedly dead out hive losses as high as 40% with commercial and hobbyists alike. In New England, hives normally lose 10 to 20% of their population due to normal winter ventilation issues. Overall in January, the colonies that have experienced good health

were the ones that received regular and aggressive applications of mite treatments such as apiguard and formic acid. Many New England keepers recommend hive protection methods such as wrapping hives with tar paper, adding a top insulation board, which will help keep the hive warm and reduce wind infiltration.

The current mindset is, feed while you can. Keepers will begin feeding in late February with pollen patties, fondant, protein patties, sugar candy, sugar water syrup, high fructose corn syrup and frame feeders in order to stimulate brood production and add new worker populations for the young. Many keepers are occupied in building, repairing and maintenance of equipment as this is the "down" season for beekeeping. Additionally, this is the time to plan for the upcoming year.

In the Northeast, demand for local and regional honey has been excellent and prices remain firm. Prices quoted for retail 1 lb. bottled units were \$10.00 to \$15.00 mostly \$12.00, occasionally higher, and 1 Quart bottled units were \$20.00 to \$30.00 mostly \$22.00, occasionally higher, inclusive of all varieties; and for all raw and natural honey depending on variety and quality.

Beeswax is retailing mostly at \$10.00/lb. Propolis reportedly is \$16.00 to \$18.00 mostly \$17.00 for 2 ounces tincture and pollen is \$28.00 to \$32.00 mostly \$30.00 per quart. Retail bulk prices in dozen pint case lots at mostly \$110.00 and quart jar cases mostly at \$180.00 with 5-gallon units at mostly \$270.00 and occasionally lower for all raw and natural honey depending on variety and quality.

NEW YORK: It has been a fairly mild winter, which has been less stressful on bee colonies. The hives look good overall, with only a few dead colonies showing up in yards. There is concern of an early Spring, as the Great Lakes have not frozen over. Early warmth without a forage source will certainly mean additional food stores for the hives for bees to maintain cluster strength. There is an increasing number of honeys on the retail shelves with low pricing, impacting local honey prices. Many of the lower priced jars on the shelf indicate that there are one or multiple imported honeys. Yet many of these still have a USDA Grade A honey label. The local sales are good with prices stable to decreasing slightly, from mostly \$6.50-7.00. Light grades are still in demand whereas amber to darker honeys requested less. Overall, the market appears to have a slight "glut" on local and imported on the market. It's time to order bees to help strengthen yards and back-fill dead-outs early in the year. With the mild winter to date, it is doubtful that the great production from basswood will be repeated. Therefore, to maintain good production again this year, the focus should be on earlier season flows like Black Locust.

NORTH CAROLINA: Temperatures in North Carolina were above normal for January with a statewide average temperature of 46.2°F. Precipitation was also slightly above normal. Overall statewide soil moisture levels were rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus the week ending January 25. The North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council reported 27 counties as being abnormally dry on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Colony conditions varied by management practices and regions. According to apiary inspectors in the southern and western Piedmont, many colonies were found dead, weak, or emptied with most evidence pointing towards varroa mites. While inspectors in the Coastal Plains observed below normal losses, however supplemental feeding was necessary as above normal temperatures meant increased activity and early brooding. On days when bees were able to forage, ornamental evergreen shrubs and Red Maple were available in the Coastal Plains region.

Some commercial pollinators moved hives to California for fruit and tree nut pollination; while others remained in Florida to work the citrus flows and continue to build up populations. Replacement bee operations are preparing for a season of very high demand as veteran beekeepers will need to replace winter losses and associations across the State continue to see an influx of new beekeepers attending beginner classes.

Supply of honey is fairly light; demand is also seasonally light. Retail prices at the Raleigh State Farmers' Market were unchanged: \$7.00-\$8.00 per 8-ounce jar, \$12.00-\$13.00 per 16-ounce jar, \$22.00 per 32-ounce jar, and \$18.00 per 44-ounce jar. Prices at the Piedmont Triad Farmers' Market in Greensboro were also unchanged at: \$8.00-\$12.00 per 8-ounce jar, \$12.00-\$18.00 per 22-ounce jar, and \$20.00 per 32-ounce jar.

NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA: The weather was mixed for fieldwork. Bees have been moved to their winter locations and are working various crops in advance of the California almond crop February.

OHIO: The month has brought milder than normal temperatures and conditions with daily highs in the upper 30s and low 40s and nightly lows in the upper 20s in Northern Ohio. Some cleansing flights have also been reported across the state. Lake Erie has not frozen over, so February could bring heavier snowfall and colder temperatures. Hives may require additional food stores to sustain them until Spring. Some hobby beekeepers have reported early colony losses, which has been supported by the State Beekeepers Association. Inefficient management of varroa mites and lack of winter food reserves has been thought to be the cause, dating back to the fall season. Other beekeepers in the West Central region have reported that hives have overwintered well, with healthy sized clusters. The Southern region has reported temperatures as high as 70 degrees and high wind gusts over 70 mph. Bees have been out foraging between rain showers, prompting many beekeepers to add supplemental food sources in the hives. Bee loss has been nominal up to this point. Honey prices appear to be stable for local supplies, while low retail prices and questionable import honey dominating the store shelves in many locations. Wholesale prices are around \$5.00 per pound, with local supplies for retail ranging from \$8-10 per pound, and urban markets asking as much as \$15 per pound.

OKLAHOMA: No report issued.

OREGON: No report issued.

SOUTH CAROLINA: No report issued.

TENNESSEE: January was unseasonably warm. Nectar and pollen sources in bloom are red maple, elm, Hazelnut, dandelion, Bradford pear, forsythia and some other spring wildflowers. The average price of retail honey is \$10.00 per pound as reported by beekeepers.

TEXAS: No report issued.

WASHINGTON: Lower elevations saw somewhat moderate temperatures and mixed rain and snow. Snow in the mountains was fairly heavy bring the snowpack moisture levels back to normal in most areas. Bees were in their over winter homes as growers continued with some winter field work.

WISCONSIN: The weather has been good for January with warmer than expected temperatures with a short cold period and slightly less rain or snow than average. Beekeepers are checking on the bees for winter. Some beekeepers report that their bees are in good condition, while others report many

dead hives. Beekeepers are going to meetings, checking and repairing their equipment and preparing for the spring by ordering packages. Demand for honey is good at the retail level and fairly good at the wholesale level. Prices are generally unchanged.

Census Bureau revised reported statistics of honey imports. Corrections posted on their website <https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/corrections/index.html> will be applied to USA Trade Online with the next Annual Revision published June 2020.

U.S Exports of Honey By Country, Quantity, and Value

	Year to Date		DECEMBER 2019	
	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars
COMB & NATURAL HONEY PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -				
Austria	11,247	27,300	0	0
Bahamas, The	4,010	15,022	0	0
Bahrain	39,207	95,166	23,612	57,313
Barbados	56,058	256,368	2,299	14,483
Bermuda	8,341	39,154	0	0
Cambodia	4,429	10,750	0	0
Cayman Islands	4,210	20,129	920	3,848
Chile	2,493	10,206	0	0
China	85,851	214,817	4,360	12,716
Costa Rica	7,378	17,907	3,129	7,594
Dominican Republic	400	4,707	0	0
Germany(*)	3,790	9,200	0	0
Guyana	1,838	14,810	0	0
Haiti	1,456	6,159	0	0
Hong Kong	16,562	87,022	1,430	6,688
Italy(*)	5,303	12,872	0	0
Japan	545,547	2,027,456	6,474	35,280
Korea, South	287,086	1,329,647	6,644	18,455
Kuwait	404,572	984,183	60,167	146,044
Lebanon	180	2,800	0	0
Leeward-Windward Islands(*)	3,145	26,140	452	3,141
Malaysia	362	4,800	0	0
Mongolia	2,538	6,161	0	0
Netherlands Antilles(*)	39,016	180,563	1,912	10,305
Nicaragua	19,843	34,192	0	0
Pakistan	16,212	41,676	0	0
Panama	99,303	518,130	10,015	31,287
Paraguay	3,988	9,680	0	0
Philippines	671,040	1,631,394	58,853	142,856
Saudi Arabia	173	2,634	0	0
Singapore	13,812	52,732	0	0
Southern Asia NEC(*)	3,936	9,553	0	0
Taiwan	14,167	54,286	0	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	326	2,640	0	0
United Arab Emirates	135,043	331,889	0	0
United Kingdom	5,693	13,818	0	0
Vietnam	653	3,763	0	0
Yemen(*)	145,878	429,468	0	0

NATURAL HONEY, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED - - -

Afghanistan	2,514	11,055	0	0
Bahamas, The	39,777	176,520	1,825	10,830
Bahrain	306	3,320	0	0
Barbados	7,681	60,506	1,530	11,455
Bermuda	15,535	96,082	1,964	11,891
Cambodia	7,229	24,380	0	0
Canada	635,039	2,057,154	36,069	126,441
Cayman Islands	2,815	18,964	0	0

China	69,108	162,363	0	0
Costa Rica	2,520	5,828	0	0
Dominican Republic	4,842	18,579	0	0
Germany(*)	7,356	17,854	7,356	17,854
Ghana	476	3,281	0	0
Honduras	3,982	13,476	0	0
Hong Kong	28,666	155,470	2,769	6,720
India	129,602	231,367	0	0
Jamaica	3,764	17,680	0	0
Japan	24,927	138,793	0	0
Korea, South	295,703	822,833	2,521	14,609
Kuwait	2,623	21,872	0	0
Leeward-Windward Islands(*)	1,668	7,992	544	2,664
Netherlands	8,366	20,307	8,366	20,307
Netherlands Antilles(*)	2,742	18,849	0	0
Philippines	1,361	11,749	0	0
Romania	7,568	18,368	0	0
Saudi Arabia	789	2,854	0	0
Singapore	8,790	66,822	0	0
Taiwan	19,566	39,670	0	0
Thailand	1,179	7,020	1,179	7,020
Trinidad and Tobago	69,806	225,167	3,674	14,185
United Kingdom	8,332	20,225	0	0
Vietnam	55,317	79,425	0	0
Yemen(*)	33,639	70,250	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	4,168,674	13,185,269	248,064	733,986

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Year to Date			DECEMBER 2019		
Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars	Quantity Kilograms	Value Dollars	CIF Value Dollars

WHITE HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -

Argentina	11,186,210	24,827,604	25,759,728	719,248	1,537,203	1,604,468
Bangladesh	891	9,720	9,722	0	0	0
Brazil	464,634	1,893,401	1,959,991	91,520	370,292	387,650
Canada	6,906,734	20,784,227	20,942,651	557,653	1,694,566	1,704,810
China	3,832,467	4,474,012	4,857,855	0	0	0
Egypt	2,611	7,945	8,143	0	0	0
France(*)	236	3,068	3,118	0	0	0
Germany(*)	341	6,406	6,580	0	0	0
Greece	20,984	93,024	97,628	0	0	0
Hungary	19,500	113,850	121,850	0	0	0
India	7,224,019	11,417,468	11,941,947	67,824	119,147	123,149
Indonesia	37,200	57,660	61,660	0	0	0
Israel(*)	2,920	22,629	22,632	0	0	0
Italy(*)	32,456	150,662	169,717	952	8,911	9,279
Korea, South	132	2,649	2,651	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	12,057	67,492	93,974	604	3,840	6,778
Mexico	1,473,816	5,096,728	5,105,625	54,880	196,580	196,589
New Zealand(*)	124,000	338,187	345,934	17,039	41,547	43,196
Serbia	864	5,028	5,030	0	0	0
Spain	20,261	52,255	53,071	0	0	0
Taiwan	269,988	533,690	565,950	20,150	34,875	37,025
Thailand	164,700	290,025	310,029	0	0	0
Ukraine	246,480	455,002	474,648	0	0	0
United Kingdom	53,074	160,384	167,146	6,848	16,613	17,473

Uruguay	73,553	154,285	158,410	0	0	0
Vietnam	18,900	21,483	23,426	0	0	0

EXTRA LIGHT AMBER HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - -

Argentina	21,412,847	47,532,414	49,406,805	1,776,542	3,788,885	3,956,489
Australia(*)	143,519	461,580	479,580	0	0	0
Brazil	832,002	1,620,911	1,738,968	150,465	317,056	328,777
Canada	307,686	875,969	889,750	18,303	64,563	64,863
China	1,303,773	2,316,915	2,607,975	0	0	0
Egypt	400	7,830	7,832	0	0	0
France(*)	9,958	54,894	56,865	0	0	0
Greece	35,739	90,108	94,708	0	0	0
Hungary	5,900	10,620	12,090	0	0	0
India	19,112,206	32,941,596	35,576,217	1,531,426	2,600,566	2,803,117
Italy(*)	8,654	47,214	50,719	0	0	0
Lebanon	7,067	20,150	22,192	0	0	0
Mexico	591,909	1,680,619	1,700,771	0	0	0
New Zealand(*)	80	3,975	5,673	0	0	0
Spain	93,755	216,419	235,095	13,847	44,638	48,396
Taiwan	1,249,418	2,183,348	2,195,448	118,829	213,891	214,191
Thailand	792,500	1,533,385	1,642,492	0	0	0
Turkey	74,400	140,616	150,616	0	0	0
Ukraine	7,072,628	12,933,915	13,844,742	210,706	372,750	397,873
Uruguay	131,168	271,577	283,282	0	0	0
Vietnam	1,698,149	3,057,447	3,227,772	131,191	236,145	253,245
Yemen(*)	70	4,676	6,786	0	0	0

LIGHT AMBER HONEY – NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE –

Argentina	3,338,569	6,298,324	6,591,858	315,038	532,943	552,651
Armenia	161	2,257	2,959	0	0	0
Australia(*)	2,789	39,461	39,463	0	0	0
Austria	131,022	811,698	862,939	18,555	64,611	69,357
Brazil	1,229,280	2,791,794	2,895,039	103,520	173,361	181,239
Burma	227,760	333,981	367,781	19,140	23,925	26,925
Canada	28,268	115,943	117,393	0	0	0
China	4,461,412	4,625,800	5,026,833	0	0	0
Croatia	1,944	11,412	11,975	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	37,327	114,509	119,083	1,569	7,436	7,821
Egypt	47,858	129,401	144,324	0	0	0
Ethiopia(*)	150	2,887	3,377	0	0	0
France(*)	2,233	20,186	22,272	0	0	0
Germany(*)	685,678	3,485,340	3,630,268	0	0	0
Greece	97,846	316,267	336,972	0	0	0
India	22,706,831	34,511,324	36,718,873	2,038,503	2,847,081	3,027,267
Indonesia	1,120	17,640	18,173	0	0	0
Israel(*)	3,929	23,479	23,712	0	0	0
Italy(*)	38,044	485,025	501,440	588	14,525	16,284
Laos	39,000	64,350	69,850	0	0	0
Mexico	677,409	1,978,012	2,026,130	37,241	91,917	92,517
New Zealand(*)	55,966	2,758,578	2,791,779	979	41,195	41,695
Poland	2,034	13,205	15,626	0	0	0
Spain	36,644	230,966	237,707	19,428	49,986	52,503
Switzerland(*)	243	3,799	3,903	0	0	0
Taiwan	8,190	11,466	11,905	0	0	0

Thailand	620,775	1,037,809	1,130,223	39,600	52,272	57,022
Turkey	180,558	340,638	359,644	17,328	41,574	43,279
Ukraine	98,020	180,400	191,784	0	0	0
Uruguay	393,088	675,288	704,491	94,508	144,709	151,917
Vietnam	23,999,515	31,000,979	33,719,145	3,125,520	3,705,378	4,053,930

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Albania	797	7,440	8,094	0	0	0
Argentina	264,406	454,068	468,273	226,498	374,982	383,701
Armenia	4,035	30,634	33,108	0	0	0
Australia(*)	74,890	853,474	865,178	6,515	76,561	76,564
Bangladesh	6,836	19,345	20,119	6,836	19,345	20,119
Bosnia and Herzegovina	544	6,885	7,575	0	0	0
Brazil	56,900	123,523	134,023	0	0	0
Bulgaria	1,080	6,922	7,223	0	0	0
Canada	325,712	1,449,510	1,453,597	19,845	94,648	95,048
China	12,973	49,298	56,903	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	178,888	481,586	523,554	14,630	42,800	47,800
Egypt	160	2,520	2,717	160	2,520	2,717
France(*)	22,051	233,142	245,641	237	2,886	2,887
Germany(*)	1,403	24,317	24,974	0	0	0
Greece	59,241	437,155	467,201	7,657	62,174	66,044
Guatemala	3,885	5,472	5,716	0	0	0
Hungary	14,068	50,870	53,870	0	0	0
India	64,339	166,494	179,675	1,244	3,945	4,212
Indonesia	34	7,410	7,590	0	0	0
Israel(*)	3,134	27,209	28,316	0	0	0
Italy(*)	9,503	120,021	125,993	864	11,526	12,024
Korea, South	508	4,158	4,159	0	0	0
Kuwait	9,960	90,638	104,121	0	0	0
Malaysia	1	2,178	2,178	0	0	0
Mexico	174,204	513,397	520,504	52,314	176,584	176,893
Moldova	3,755	19,235	22,235	0	0	0
New Zealand(*)	551,586	16,672,650	16,933,075	93,580	2,533,092	2,564,456
Pakistan	2,836	9,176	9,593	0	0	0
Poland	44,034	259,403	276,468	4,650	30,354	31,962
Russia	17,265	73,715	77,083	737	4,507	4,865
Saudi Arabia	8,700	64,750	67,250	0	0	0
Serbia	14,295	58,238	62,258	0	0	0
Spain	2,792	22,606	23,523	0	0	0
Taiwan	2,322	22,880	23,468	0	0	0
Thailand	4,812	48,374	51,162	0	0	0
Turkey	44,842	187,902	190,708	11,552	41,585	42,086
Ukraine	1,179,768	2,490,299	2,668,829	57,420	113,691	121,791
United Kingdom	37,555	582,387	598,620	1,650	40,486	41,262
Vietnam	11,072,085	12,969,335	14,889,180	1,051,048	1,165,930	1,365,534
Yemen(*)	12,572	91,022	96,077	0	0	0

COMB AND RETAIL HONEY –

Argentina	7,323	60,341	67,252	616	10,260	10,760
Armenia	18,992	106,318	110,745	3,227	10,751	12,254
Australia(*)	320,799	3,107,258	3,376,949	28,972	345,823	373,924
Austria	6,564	77,543	80,305	352	6,714	6,860
Belarus	55,542	215,398	232,729	11,209	43,546	43,547
Bolivia	2,634	54,046	55,547	1,424	32,237	32,238

Brazil	11,912	101,116	103,303	0	0	0
Bulgaria	136,003	595,675	644,111	12,123	46,915	51,270
Canada	155,906	962,308	977,765	10,686	57,610	58,603
Chile	306	10,260	11,460	0	0	0
Cyprus	936	12,600	13,418	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	7,124	32,293	35,651	0	0	0
Egypt	5,360	25,550	26,411	1,000	4,350	4,487
Ethiopia(*)	2,601	9,104	10,104	0	0	0
France(*)	272,305	2,957,310	3,021,971	18,656	196,750	200,332
Germany(*)	187,713	1,130,593	1,187,843	12,447	69,305	73,301
Greece	140,577	978,597	1,010,674	3,842	37,839	39,738
Guatemala	4,082	17,800	19,079	816	3,000	3,287
Guinea	1,175	3,108	3,802	1,175	3,108	3,802
Hungary	176,636	2,282,691	2,356,585	29,507	339,425	348,925
India	74,156	253,654	285,412	0	0	0
Indonesia	118	14,838	15,288	1	2,480	2,555
Ireland	25,532	222,815	231,445	0	0	0
Israel(*)	17,954	108,602	118,680	2,195	14,022	14,522
Italy(*)	53,643	598,548	625,059	10,191	86,974	95,051
Jamaica	137	2,210	2,531	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	18,500	71,442	78,586	0	0	0
Kenya	1,894	28,747	29,131	0	0	0
Korea, South	1,594	29,677	30,472	0	0	0
Latvia	1,048	6,665	7,332	0	0	0
Lithuania	12,628	64,616	70,036	3,360	20,055	21,154
Mexico	181,968	610,852	620,060	24,056	61,598	62,420
Moldova	8,105	27,558	29,395	3,371	6,222	6,534
New Zealand(*)	912,845	18,894,549	19,617,165	94,040	1,971,822	2,017,895
Nicaragua	2,618	9,425	11,425	0	0	0
Nigeria	6,689	3,500	4,217	0	0	0
Pakistan	240	3,816	4,010	0	0	0
Philippines	1,814	18,584	21,251	0	0	0
Poland	37,413	155,517	166,647	10,335	49,708	52,760
Portugal	23,292	172,303	179,853	4,887	38,234	38,243
Romania	4,311	26,339	27,862	906	6,111	6,702
Russia	96,968	364,676	389,643	6,396	38,148	38,150
Saudi Arabia	11,814	126,052	129,654	0	0	0
Serbia	1,512	20,540	21,504	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	1,200	2,400	2,401	0	0	0
Spain	501,977	3,157,573	3,277,061	23,665	149,341	154,927
Switzerland(*)	4,695	80,524	84,160	0	0	0
Taiwan	120,711	210,068	221,048	12,396	24,640	25,481
Turkey	526,555	3,641,518	3,754,435	59,468	410,321	423,214
Ukraine	96,928	291,698	315,685	8,863	46,270	49,770
United Arab Emirates	2,376	7,787	8,620	0	0	0
United Kingdom	16,047	119,480	123,020	0	0	0

FLAVORED HONEY –

Australia(*)	4,716	80,775	100,216	315	5,127	5,500
Bulgaria	9,409	11,616	11,866	0	0	0
Canada	35,495	277,721	278,646	0	0	0
China	769	4,496	4,660	0	0	0
Germany(*)	1,337	21,887	22,987	0	0	0
Greece	2,428	31,861	32,718	0	0	0
Honduras	315	3,071	3,911	0	0	0
Ireland	2,525	23,696	25,107	0	0	0
Italy(*)	2,729	74,622	76,216	132	3,850	3,944
Japan	2,546	8,498	8,768	0	0	0
Jordan	1,584	23,100	23,312	0	0	0
Korea, South	226,713	907,653	948,455	38,065	174,296	181,942
Latvia	876	6,901	6,903	0	0	0

Mexico	1,830	17,080	17,713	1,368	5,472	5,555
New Zealand(*)	2,632	91,505	93,288	87	2,608	2,663
Russia	2,783	5,068	5,575	0	0	0
Spain	242	2,333	2,544	0	0	0
Taiwan	286,986	425,545	472,433	13,229	16,183	18,692
Thailand	37,833	160,707	163,952	940	9,750	9,995
Turkey	1,569	9,504	9,790	0	0	0
United Kingdom	2,864	36,083	37,856	1,497	11,877	12,383

ORGANIC -

Argentina	257,028	646,667	668,310	0	0	0
Armenia	6,694	54,537	55,939	360	2,880	2,989
Australia(*)	133,539	821,507	858,899	15,133	92,897	96,812
Brazil	21,263,719	48,341,338	50,777,704	1,541,329	2,949,969	3,085,987
Bulgaria	5,253	40,183	43,456	960	6,793	7,424
Canada	145,375	931,814	935,848	19,528	76,900	77,109
Chile	850	11,916	12,416	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	95,783	247,997	255,768	0	0	0
Germany(*)	3,175	47,104	49,340	0	0	0
Greece	66,884	246,242	263,963	86	2,097	2,416
Guatemala	3,600	11,520	13,036	0	0	0
India	509,524	933,085	981,142	0	0	0
Indonesia	26	2,476	2,551	0	0	0
Israel(*)	917	10,556	10,692	0	0	0
Italy(*)	16,315	192,734	193,852	2,323	29,340	29,453
Mexico	221,968	652,465	667,830	18,910	59,567	59,587
New Zealand(*)	16,690	124,470	132,939	84	2,210	2,710
Romania	1,513	7,405	8,406	1,513	7,405	8,406
Sierra Leone	36,940	108,316	118,316	0	0	0
Spain	2,306	19,763	19,766	0	0	0
Tanzania	15,140	50,719	56,113	0	0	0
Ukraine	18,960	34,507	36,507	0	0	0
United Kingdom	3,114	42,129	44,318	0	0	0
Uruguay	764,353	1,562,586	1,631,440	74,340	131,292	137,179
Vietnam	191,183	256,360	268,040	0	0	0
Zambia	24,150	100,061	100,662	0	0	0

GRAND TOTAL

189,230,242 410,025,579 431,945,207 15,007,362 31,974,689 33,655,192

Notes:

1. Data Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics
2. All zeroes for a data item may show that statistics exist in the other import type. Consumption or General.
3. (*) denotes a country that is a summarization of its component countries.
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