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## HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1986 IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER SMALLER VOLUMES SHOWN AS SMALL LOT SALES

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing States by packers, handlers, and other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery and payment unless otherwise stated.

California - Orange blossom, white 55-62¢  
- Mixed Eucalyptus-vetch, extra light amber, 50¢  
- Eucalyptus, light amber, 45¢

Florida - Tupelo, new crop, white, 70¢  
- Orange blossom, white, 52-55¢  
- Orange blossom, extra light amber, 53¢  
- Gallberry, white-extra light amber, 52¢  
- Palmetto new crop, extra light amber, 48-49¢  
- Mixed wildflower, light amber, 48¢  
- Mixed wildflower, amber, 42¢  
- Mixed wildflower, bakery grade, 36¢ 30-32¢ (high moisture content)

Pennsylvania - Mixed flower, extra light amber, 40¢

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 Ports

Argentina - Clover, white, 44.5¢ (previous commitment)

China - Buckwheat, bakery grade, amber, 33.57¢

Dominican Republic - Wildflower, bakery grade, light amber, 32.5-34¢

### Gulf Ports

Argentina - Clover, white, 49.5¢ (previous commitment)

Australia - Salvation Jane, extra light amber, 48¢ (previous commitment)

Brazil - Wildflower, bakery grade, light amber, 38¢  
 China - Clover, white, 44.9¢

Yucatan,  
 Mexico - Wildflower, bakery grade, light amber, 38-39¢  
 - Wildflower, bakery grade, light amber, 33.3¢  
 (previous commitment)

West Coast Ports

Australia - Mixed flower, extra light amber, 45¢

China - Mixed flower, light amber, 40¢  
 - Mixed flower, light amber, 39.75¢ (3rd quarter delivery)  
 - Mixed flower, bakery grade, amber, 38¢

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Mexico - Mixed flower, extra light amber-light, 41-44¢ (delivered)  
 - Mixed flower, light amber, 39.5¢(3rd quarter delivery)

Prices paid to Canadian beekeepers for unprocessed bulk honey 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.

Alberta - Clover, white, 44¢ (delivered)

**LIST PRICES OF EXTRACTED PACKAGED HONEY FOR MAY  
 PACKERS SALES TO WHOLESALERS AND OTHER LARGE USERS**

(Prices subject to various trade and promotional discounts delivered per case in jars unless otherwise stated)

**Northeast Region**-various floral sources, white-amber

12-2 1b. 23.40-25.00  
 24-1 1b. 26.00-27.00  
 6-5 1b. 29.00-31.00

**Southeast Region**-various floral sources, white-amber

12-2 1b. 22.00-24.00  
 24-1 1b. 24.00-27.00  
 6-5 1b. 24.00-28.00

**Western Region**-various floral sources, extra light amber and light amber.

12-1 1b. 12.50-14.50  
 12-2 1b. 22.50  
 12-12 oz. 10.57-11.45  
 12-8 oz. 7.67- 8.60  
 6-5 1b. 19.56-26.40

## COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING MAY

### ARIZONA

Bees were in good condition but a little light in a few locations. Rain over the last weekend of the month helped the desert flowers. Bees were working mostly mesquite during the month and were having a good honey flow. Arizona was still mite-free but more than normal amounts of American Foulbrood were still reported in the State.

### CALIFORNIA

In Northern California, the initial extraction of the winter eucalyptus and spring orange blossom honey flows began. Small lot trading of the 1986 crop between local beekeepers and packers was fairly active during May. Prices received for white orange ranged from 55 to 62 cents per pound while small lots of light amber to extra light amber eucalyptus brought 45 to 50 cents per pound.

Beekeepers were reluctant to sell their honey to commercial packers because of the lack of information on the "buy-back" provisions of the 1986 Honey Price Support Program. Uncertainties over the specific buy-back rates and the procedures that USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation will employ to implement this new feature in the loan program has developed into a severe stumbling block to the orderly marketing of this year's crop. Although packers continued to search for new stocks of domestic honey to supplement their depleted inventories, most beekeepers planned to hold on to their stocks until the "buy-back" rates were established.

Trading of imported honey was active as packers continued to line up supplies to fill in their inventories. Trading was especially active for Chinese stocks of bakery grade light amber for the commercial bulk honey market. China was the only major overseas supplier with large supplies of honey still available for export.

Trading of Australian eucalyptus was reported at 45 cents per pound ex-dock, duty paid. Reports from Australia indicate the total honey crop will be below average due to dry summer conditions in the inland areas. The export price has risen 30% during the last six months. Eucalyptus was the only good crop produced in this marginal honey production year.

Trading for Argentina white clover was inactive during May. Importers were currently quoting 50 1/2 to 52 cents per pound ex-dock, duty paid for future delivery, but packers had sufficient inventory or made contracts for future delivery to cover their requirements for the next several months.

Recent reports from British Columbia showed that prospects for a good white clover honey flow in the Peace River area looked poor for the coming year. Most clover and alfalfa fields that were planted last summer never germinated or died out in the summer drought. There was little snow cover during the winter to protect the young plants and many fields are bare.

**CALIFORNIA-** Continued

Local packers continued to work down inventories but retail sales started to taper off since the arrival of warm summer temperatures. Bulk honey sales of bakery grade quality to commercial food processors remained generally strong and steady as packers aggressively bid for new accounts in this very competitive market. Packer list price adjustments were made to reflect the upward cost trend in the world honey market.

In the San Joaquin Valley, movement of bee colonies into early blooming seed alfalfa and melon fields was in progress. Early cantaloup fields in the westside district made good progress during May with the bloom starting a little earlier than normal.

Pollination rates in the Southern San Joaquin Valley on early blooming watermelon and casaba melons were reported at \$12.00 per colony while bees moving into cantaloup fields at midmonth were rented at \$13.00 per colony. Zucchini, squash and cucumber pollination rental rates were reported at \$10.00 per colony for June and July bloom. In the westside district of Fresno County melon rental rates were reported from \$14.00-17.00 per colony while some rental rates for late blooming fields were reported at \$12.50 per colony.

In the Sacramento Valley, the kiwifruit bloom was over by mid-May. Kiwi pollination rates generally ranged from \$10.00-12.00 per colony. Contracts were set for vine seed crop pollination in July and August at \$14.00-15.00 per colony for seed production of squash, pumpkins, cucumbers, watermelons and cantaloups.

On the central coast foothill ranges, the buckwheat bloom was in progress and beekeepers reported a honey flow from the buckwheat for the first time in two years. The best flows were expected at the end of the bloom period in mid-June as the nectar flow reaches its normal peak. In the North Coast ranges, the toyon bloom had started and the initial flows were reported to be excellent. A large crop was expected as the bloom progresses through June on these foothill sites.

In Southern California, trading on new crop local orange blossom honey was generally slow and confined to an occasional small lot bought at 57 cents per pound.

Trading for Mexican imports also slowed as exporters raised their market price on the remaining light amber stocks. Demand for the extra light amber grade was light, and current quotes slipped below last month's level. Current quotes were 38-38 1/2 cents per pound for mixed flowers light amber and 41-42 cents for extra light amber "Middle of the Bridge" (no duty paid) at Calexico.

Retail sales were showing the usual decline as summer approaches. Packers had ample supplies on hand to meet their current requirements. Some upward adjustment was made in packer list prices on consumer packs because of the recent higher cost trend in the world honey market.

## **CALIFORNIA-Continued**

The buckwheat bloom in the Southern California foothills and Interior Valleys was in progress with some sites yielding a good flow on the early bloom for the first time in several years due to recent crop failures caused by weather.

In Northern and Central California, trading for beeswax was generally inactive in May. Only an occasional small lot was received by buyers' warehouses. Warehouses remained full as sales of beeswax foundation to beekeepers dwindled to almost nothing. Inventories were at the highest level in 10 years. Offering prices were 10 cents lower than last month as light beeswax brought 80 cents per pound and darker material 70 cents per pound delivered.

In Southern California, beeswax buyers had ample supplies on hand, and trading was generally slow. Offering prices for the best grade light colored beeswax were unchanged at \$1.40 per pound delivered. No trading on darker material was reported.

## **COLORADO**

Continued wet and below normal temperatures restricted movement. Bees populations were adequate but activity was slow pending improved weather conditions.

## **FLORIDA**

Beekeepers around the State reported hives in excellent condition. Yields from this spring's orange flow were considered generally good although some scattered sections were adversely affected by dry weather conditions. Bees were working the fairly good gallberry and palmetto flow. Trading of honey was fairly slow.

## **GEORGIA**

Colonies were in good to excellent condition around the State despite the lack of moisture. The weather during May was normally warm and very dry. Soil moisture supplies dropped sharply as above normal temperatures were prevalent with only sparse, spotty rainfall. Producers reported a good spring honey crop in most locations. Blackgum, tupelo and poplar in the south and tulip poplar, crimson clover and vetch in the north generally produced good yields. Tulip poplar was about finished by the end of the month. The gallberry flow in the south began in mid May. Bees were working summer ty-ty in the south and were begining sourwood in the lower elevations of North Georgia. The sourwood flow in the mountains was not expected until mid-June. Package producers were winding down sharply on their package business. The demand for queens was fairly good.

## **ILLINOIS**

The spring honey flow has been very poor. Cool wet weather has limited the nectar available to bees. Many bees starved due to over population of the hives, and some beekeepers found it necessary to do supplementary feeding to save the bees. Many beekeepers were surprised by the need to feed this late in the year. Beekeepers anticipate an increase in the honey flow when the weather warms. Packaged bees and nucs were progressing well. In the strip mining area of the State, there was very little clover blooming. Beekeepers were pleased at the quality of the honey. Retail sales were normal.

## **INDIANA**

The colonies were beginning to build with the increased availability of nectar. Bees were working fruit blooms, especially blackberries which have been in good supply this season. Some white and dutch clover were still available in some areas of the State. Cool wet weather reduced the amount of flying time the bees had to bring the hives up to total strength and caused some delay in the spring flow. Retail sales were fairly slow.

## **KENTUCKY**

Bees were in good condition with no sign of disease. The beginning of the month continued warm and dry. From mid month to the end it was cooler and wet, and with much needed rain bringing the moisture levels up to normal for May. The rain helped the honey plants and prospects for June were very good. Bees will be working wildflowers and a little clover. At the beginning of May, bees were still working tulip poplar and the honey flow was good, especially since a late freeze had affected some of the trees. By the end of May, bees were working on Carolina buckthorn.

## **MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND RHODE ISLAND**

Temperatures averaged about normal for the month in all areas. Moisture levels were adequate. Beekeepers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island reported a good nectar flow. Some swarming was reported early in the month. Floral sources were dandelion early in the month, with blueberries and fruit trees the latter part.

## **MICHIGAN**

May was full of surprises, and bees reacted fairly well to the extremes in the weather. The month began very cold with frost in the west central area on the 1st and 2nd which damaged some fruit trees and reduced the bloom. This was followed by very warm, dry weather until mid-May when over a week of cool, wet arrived. The colonies of commercial beekeepers came through the sudden changes in fairly good condition. The honey flow was strong, particularly earlier in the month.

## **MISSISSIPPI**

Colonies were mostly in good conditions around the State. Producers in Southern Mississippi reported a poor gallberry flow this season after a very successful flow of various floral sources in the spring. Most beekeepers

## **MISSISSIPPI-Continued**

finished extracting the gallberry crop and were expected to extract other flows shortly. The ty-ty flow was expected to peak during the second week of June. Ty-ty was the last major flow expected until the fall. The central part of the State reported a fairly good spring crop from vetch and clover. Bees currently working a few assorted wildflowers with soybeans expected to come on shortly. Shipping of queens and packaged bees was completed.

## **MONTANA**

Most areas of the State reported a good build up during May. The main source of nectar honey pollen was from dandelions. Temperatures in the 90's near the end of May exceeded the norm by 20-25 degrees. Good pollination weather was reported in the northwest cherry orchards in early May. In eastern Montana, grasshoppers were a problem again this year. Beekeepers requested a 48 hour notice from growers so their bees could be moved out of spray areas. Although moisture conditions were good, more rain was needed for the sweet clover crop.

## **NEVADA**

Beekeepers in southern Nevada were beginning to extract honey. Honey mesquite finished the first bloom and some trees started the second bloom. The yearly inspection for mites was underway. Inquiries as to regulations and requirements for colonies coming into the State for alfalfa pollination were heavy during May.

## **OHIO**

Thanks to an excellent dandelion flow, colonies in Ohio were generally at or near full strength. The early season clover flow was just starting and will become active in June. Following the strong dandelion flow, a week of cool wet weather slowed activity.

## **OREGON**

Cool, damp weather early in the month contributed much needed moisture soil and plants but slowing growth on some crops. By the end of the month, warmer weather created perfect conditions for foraging. A good crimson clover crop was reported the middle of the month along with a good maple flow. All cane berry crops were blooming and providing an excellent source of nectar. Supers were being added in anticipation of a heavy vetch bloom. Beekeepers were busy re-queening most of the month. Some extracting of clover honey was completed. Honey sales remained moderate to slow.

## **WASHINGTON**

Below normal temperatures most of the month slowed crop progress, through, much needed moisture improved soil conditions. The weather improved considerably the last week of the month with temperatures above 80 degrees in all areas of

## **WASHINGTON - Continued**

the State. All hives were removed from the fruit orchards. In the western and north-central sections of the State, bees were busy pollinating vegetable seed and berry crops and collecting nectar. In the eastern half of the State, the hot weather the end of the month ended the dandelion flow, and beekeepers were waiting for the alfalfa and vetch to start blooming. A small amount of feeding was done and new queens were added to build up colony strength. The bees were then moved to holding yards to begin honey production.

## **WYOMING**

Bees in the State were ready to begin production. The current grasshopper spray program in sixteen counties was expected to adversely affect bees. Beekeepers reported normal loss so far. Weather continued to be beneficial with adequate moisture and normal temperatures. The northeast area was a little behind the other areas due to the delayed arrival of warm weather.

## **EXPORT BRIEFS**

These export opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products have been gathered by agricultural and other U.S. government officers serving abroad. The USDA does not guarantee the reliability of the overseas inquirer. For further information, contact the foreign firm originating the inquiry.

### **PROPOLIS HONEY AND POLLEN (RAW) (SINGAPORE)**

Distributor of food products to Asian countries, with annual sales volume of sin \$1,000,000 - \$10,000,000 seeks reliable U.S. suppliers of Honey propolis and bee pollen Quantity: Honey 1 ton per year, propolis 1 ton per year, pollen 1 ton per year Quality: "Raw" cold processed type. Delivery: soon as possible. Bank ref: Tat Lee Bank, Chung Khiaw Bank. Contact: Lee Kui Hin, Michael, K.H. Lee Trading, 272 River Valley Road, Singapore 0923. Telex: RS36217 Contrd. Phone: 7333044. (WK 21/TOFAS 0065-66/0097)

### **NATURAL HONEY (KUWAIT)**

Modern 100,000 sq. ft. superstore; groceries, variety and in house wholesale operations, opened in August 1985 with five smaller outlets planned to open within 18 months, seeks reliable U.S. suppliers. Quantity: to be decided. Quality: highest quality pure natural honey. Packaging consumer size jars. Delivery: as soon as possible. Other req: Full English/Arabic or only Arabic labels including Production and Expiry dates Quote: C&F Kuwait. Bank ref: The National Bank of Kuwait. Contact: Mr. Martin Miller, Americana International Safeway, P.O. 23828, Safat, Kuwait. Telex 30197. Cable: Safeway. Phone: 738399. (WK 23/TOFAS 0154)



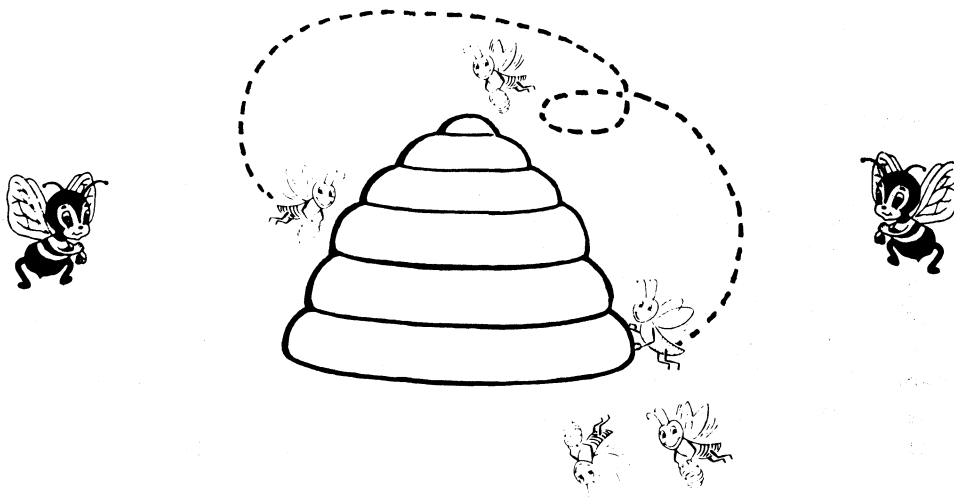
CCC HONEY LOAN ACTIVITY  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 1986

STATE	QUANTITY PUT UNDER LOAN	:	LOANS REPAID	:	DELIVERED TO CCC	:	LOANS OUTSTANDING
	-----1,000 Pounds-----						

1986 CROP\*

Arizona	96		96
California	226		226
Florida	2,895		2,895
Georgia	179		179
Louisiana	4		4
Mississippi	7		7
New York	5		5
Pennsylvania	10		10
South Carolina	15		15
Texas	64		64
 Total for week ending 5/31/86	 3,501		 3,501
 Total for week ending 5/28/86	 2,181		 2,181
 Total for week ending 5/21/86	 1,583		 1,583

**Source:** Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.



1986 HONEY IMPORTS & EXPORTS WITH 1985 COMPARISONS

COUNTRY	IMPORTS TO U.S.				EXPORTS FROM U.S.			
	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	CUM.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	CUM.
-----In Million Pounds-----								
Canada	4.0	3.7	2.2	11.6	-	-	.1	.2
Mexico	2.4	3.0	2.4	9.4	-	-	-	-
Netherlands Antilles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	.1	.5	.1	.7	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	.3	.4	.3	1.2	-	-	-	-
Honduras	.1	-	-	.2	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	.2	-	.3	.5	-	-	-	-
Chile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Argentina	2.3	3.9	3.6	12.7	-	-	-	-
Brazil	.1	.1	.3	.9	-	-	-	-
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	-	-	.1	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	-	-	.2	.2	.1	-	-	.5
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	-	-	-	.1	-	-	-	-
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary	.1	.2	-	.3	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soviet Union	-	-	-	.1	-	-	-	-
Romania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philippines	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	.1
China (Mainland)	3.2	5.8	1.9	14.7	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong	.1	-	.2	.4	-	-	-	-
Japan	-	-	.1	.1	-	-	-	-
FR Pacific Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	.5	.6	.8	2.1	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	-	-	-	-	-	.1	-	.2
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	-	.1	.1	.1	.4
United Arab Emirates	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	.2
Oman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yeman (Sana)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North America	7.2	7.7	5.3	23.7	-	-	.1	.2
South America	2.3	4.0	3.9	13.6	-	-	-	-
Europe	.1	.3	.4	1.1	.2	-	.1	.7
Asia	3.3	5.9	2.2	15.2	.1	.3	.3	1.1
Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceania	.5	.6	.8	2.1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL WORLD 1986	13.4	18.5	12.6	55.6	.3	.4	.4	1.9
TOTAL WORLD 1985	8.9	16.5	9.9	47.4	.3	.8	.2	1.8

TOTAL WORLD 1986 and 1985 figures do not necessarily reflect total of columns due to rounding of individual figures and inclusion of all imports and exports.

Imports and exports less than .1 million pounds have been omitted. Cum. is Cumulative total to date January-April 1986.

**1986 IMPORTS OF BEESWAX WITH 1985 COMPARISONS**

COUNTRY	APRIL		JANUARY - APRIL	
	1985	1986	1985	1986
	-----1,000 lb. Units-----			
Canada	52.91	79.37	185.19	121.25
Mexico	-	-	70.55	24.25
Haiti	13.23	-	26.46	-
Dominican Republic	13.23	26.46	112.43	57.32
Belize	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	19.84	-	26.46	-
Chile	33.06	13.23	101.41	35.27
Brazil	66.13	55.11	156.53	218.26
United Kingdom	-	6.60	-	15.43
Netherlands	-	28.66	-	28.66
France	-	-	2.20	-
Belgium-Luxembourg	-	-	-	-
Germany, Fed. Rep.	-	2.20	-	2.20
German Dem. Republic	-	-	-	-
Ivory Coast	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	22.04	-	22.04	-
Tanzania	11.02	-	39.63	-
Japan	44.09	-	44.09	-
Australia	35.27	-	66.13	-
<b>TOTAL WORLD</b>	<b>310.85</b>	<b>211.64</b>	<b>853.17</b>	<b>502.65</b>

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**Source:** Foreign Agricultural Service.



DISTRIBUTION OF HONEY FORFEITED TO CCC\*  
 OCTOBER 1985 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1986 (SCH & CCFP JULY 1985-JUNE 1986)  
 (Source - Food & Nutrition Service)

STATE	SCH	NPE	NF	CSFP	CCFP	SFSP	SC	CI	WIC	TOTAL
----- In Pounds -----										
NORTHEAST REGION										
CT	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	3,000	510,372	0	514,872
ME	28,500	0	0	0	0	990	6,810	6,150	0	42,450
MA	0	36,300	0	0	0	0	0	72,600	0	108,900
NH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NY	84,450	0	900	0	0	0	145,200	5,760,000	0	5,990,550
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72,000	0	72,000
NE TOTAL	112,950	37,800	900	0	0	990	155,010	6,421,122	0	6,728,772
MID ATLANTIC REGION										
DE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216,000	0	216,000
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	468,300	0	468,300
MD	36,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,514,400	0	1,550,700
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	972,000	0	972,000
PA	72,720	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,546,700	0	5,619,420
VA	166,800	0	0	0	0	0	36,000	437,892	0	640,692
VI	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	39,600	0	41,100
WV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	898,356	0	898,356
MA TOTAL	277,320	0	0	0	0	0	36,000	10,093,248	0	10,406,568
SOUTHEAST REGION										
AL	140,070	0	0	0	18,330	0	0	1,975,020	0	2,133,420
FL	139,920	300	3,600	0	0	0	11,100	3,409,170	0	3,564,090
GA	36,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,260,000	0	1,296,300
KY	108,900	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,124,600	0	2,233,500
MS	110,550	30	7,200	0	0	0	0	1,152,600	0	1,270,380
NC	99,900	0	15,120	7,200	0	0	0	1,623,300	0	1,745,520
SC	145,500	0	0	0	6,720	0	0	890,340	0	1,042,560
TN	251,400	0	0	72,600	0	0	0	1,833,006	0	2,157,006
SE TOTAL	1,032,540	330	25,920	79,800	25,050	0	11,100	14,268,036	0	15,442,776
MIDWEST REGION										
IL	95,100	21,300	0	0	112,200	0	9,000	3,833,100	0	4,070,700
IN	72,600	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	1,584,000	0	1,668,600
MI	344,100	216	12,024	136,800	0	0	0	2,895,168	0	3,388,308
MN	140,910	450	40,536	0	24,540	810	5,670	1,054,350	0	1,267,266
OH	145,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,424,668	0	3,569,868
WI	76,200	21,588	40,212	0	9,000	0	0	1,174,272	0	1,321,272
MW TOTAL	874,110	43,554	92,772	136,800	157,740	810	14,670	13,965,558	0	15,286,014
SOUTHWEST REGION										
AR	91,650	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,110,000	0	1,207,650
LA	289,200	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	2,361,600	0	2,662,800
NM	48,600	0	340,788	0	0	0	0	564,000	0	953,388
OK	293,640	36,300	132,840	0	0	0	0	1,192,068	0	1,654,848
TX	626,730	34,560	0	0	58,770	0	4,950	4,451,100	0	5,176,110
SW TOTAL	1,349,820	76,860	473,628	0	70,770	0	4,950	9,678,768	0	11,654,796

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DISTRIBUTION OF HONEY FORFEITED TO CCC\*  
 OCTOBER 1985 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1986 (SCH & CCFP JULY 1985-JUNE 1986)  
 (Source - Food & Nutrition Service)

STATE	SCH	NPE	NF	CSFP	CCFP	SFSP	SC	CI	WIC	TOTAL
----- In Pounds -----										
MOUNTAIN PLAINS REGION										
CO	84,390	16,560	3,492	72,000	12,000	6,000	6,000	842,610	0	1,043,052
IA	68,100	12,000	360	17,928	0	600	3,900	1,464,300	0	1,567,188
KS	0	0	6,714	0	0	0	0	864,300	0	871,014
MO	181,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,369,920	0	1,551,420
MT	0	0	93,600	0	19,404	0	1,080	337,320	0	451,404
NE	77,310	960	6,300	0	7,500	450	0	409,500	0	502,020
ND	25,200	900	72,000	0	21,600	0	3,600	140,400	0	263,700
SD	58,740	0	160,092	7,650	16,200	2,160	4,320	350,880	0	600,042
UT	129,840	3,600	0	0	15,360	0	9,000	356,904	0	514,704
WY	24,510	0	0	0	3,000	0	1,800	186,990	0	216,300
MP TOTAL	649,590	34,020	342,558	97,578	95,064	9,210	29,700	6,323,124	0	7,580,844
WESTERN REGION										
AK	0	0	0	0	660	0	0	6,690	0	7,350
AZ	92,910	4,500	322,704	0	18,150	0	0	1,261,236	0	1,699,500
CA	830,010	0	18,072	90,624	69,450	0	0	7,778,400	0	8,786,556
GU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HI	54,450	0	0	0	0	0	0	341,754	0	396,204
ID	33,150	7,650	14,868	0	3,150	0	0	603,300	0	662,118
NV	0	0	5,940	0	0	0	0	540,000	0	545,940
OR	217,800	0	2,088	0	0	0	0	1,150,092	0	1,369,980
WA	36,300	1,020	51,444	0	0	0	24,300	112,530	0	225,594
WE TOTAL	1,264,620	13,170	415,116	90,624	91,410	0	24,300	11,794,002	0	13,693,242
NATIONAL COMMODITY PROGRAMS										
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL										
TOTAL	5,560,950	205,734	1,350,894	404,802	440,034	11,010	275,730	72,543,858	0	80,793,012

\* In Pounds

SCH - School Lunch Programs

NPE - Nutrition Programs for the Elderly

NF - Needy Family and Indian Reservation Programs

CSFP - Commodity Supplemental Food Programs

CCFP - Child Care Food Programs

SC - Summer Camps

SFSP - Summer Food Service Programs

CI - Non Profit Charitable Institutions (Includes Food Banks & Emergency Feeding Programs)

WIC - Women, Infants & Children and Elderly Feeding Pilot Programs

VI - Virgin Islands

GU - Guam and Pacific Protectorate

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**INFORMATION RELEASE**

Date -

JUNE 6, 1986

**Offers Requested To Purchase:**

**HONEY**

**for Unrestricted Use**

FOR IMMEDIATE POSTING

THE KANSAS CITY COMMODITY OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT OFFERS ARE REQUESTED TO PURCHASE 267,806 POUNDS OF CCC-OWNED UNPROCESSED HONEY FOR UNRESTRICTED USE. OFFERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE KANSAS CITY COMMODITY OFFICE BY 3:00 PM (CDT), JUNE 30, 1986. SUCCESSFUL OFFERORS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EASYLINK, TELEGRAM, OR MAILGRAM BY 12:00 MIDNIGHT (CDT), JULY 2, 1986. PUBLIC RELEASE OF AWARD INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AT 3:00 PM (CDT), JULY 3, 1986. DETAILS ARE IN ANNOUNCEMENT/INVITATION KC-HS-31. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COPIES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KANSAS CITY COMMODITY OFFICE, P.O. BOX 205, KANSAS CITY, MO 64141. TELEPHONE: 816-926-6062.

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## ADEQUATE TO EXCELLENT WATER SUPPLIES FORECAST FOR MOST OF WEST

WASHINGTON, May 20--Water supplies should be adequate to excellent for much of the West this summer, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Commerce announced today.

The major exceptions are Washington, Montana and the northern part of Idaho, said Wilson Scaling, chief of USDA's Soil Conservation Service. Streamflows will be below normal in Washington and northern Idaho, but reservoir storage is expected to be good, while in Montana, both streamflow and reservoir storage are expected to be below normal, said Scaling.

Record-setting snowpacks in northern Utah and southwestern Wyoming and above normal snowpacks at high elevations in western Colorado will produce above normal volumes of water flowing into the Great Salt Lake and the Colorado River system, said Scaling.

The western water supply forecast is based on the latest snow surveys by SCS and analyses of precipitation data by SCS and the National Weather Service. Winter and spring forecasts of seasonal runoff are based on the assumption that the weather will be normal until summer. The West depends on snowmelt for about 75 percent of its water supply.

Scaling gave the following state-by-state outlook:

Alaska: The snowpack continued well below normal following four consecutive months of generally dry weather.

Arizona: Reservoir storage is excellent, with most reservoirs filled practically to capacity.

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California: Snowpacks and streamflow forecasts vary from much above normal in the southern Sierras to below average in the north.

Colorado: The forecast is for above normal streamflows in most areas. Streamflows are expected to peak one to two weeks earlier than normal.

Idaho: The forecast for streamflows ranges from well below normal in the panhandle to well above normal in the southeastern sector.

Montana: Snowpacks in the northern two-thirds of the state are well below average, while those in the southern drainages are generally near average or just below average. Shortages in irrigation water supplies can be expected by late June to early July over most of the state on drainages that do not have stored water.

Nevada: Water supplies will be good to excellent statewide.

New Mexico: April precipitation that was 188 percent of average in the northern part of the state produced above normal snowpacks in the Upper Rio Grande Basin. The streamflows in the main stems are forecast at 130 percent of average, even though other snowpacks in the state are well below normal.

Oregon: Water supplies are expected to range from near normal to below normal because mountain snowpacks and precipitation were below normal during April. Irrigators with access to stored water should have ample amounts.

Utah: Above normal precipitation for three consecutive months increased the overall streamflow forecast, especially on the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers. But shortages are expected in the southwestern sector.

Washington: Snowpacks vary from below average to much below average, and below normal streamflows are forecast.

Wyoming: Very high streamflows and peak flows are forecast for the southwestern part of the state where seasonal precipitation has been 150 to 200 percent of normal. Flows should be near normal or slightly above normal elsewhere in the state.



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Date - May 30, 1986

Processing Contract Awards -

HONEY  
 for Domestic Distribution

**INFORMATION RELEASE**

The Kansas City Commodity Office today announced the following awards for the processing of CCC-owned Unprocessed Honey under Announcement KC-HP-3, Invitation No. 65 dated May 15, 1986. A total of 8,925,984 pounds was awarded for shipment during the periods July 1-15 and 16-30, 1986.

CONTRACT NUMBER PACK SIZE	CONTRACTOR PRODUCT	POUNDS - DESTINATION STATE - BLEND NUMBER		PROCESSING PRICE PER POUND
KCMP50113	WF STRAUB AND COMPANY 5520 NORTHWEST HWY CHICAGO IL 60630			
12/3	HNY PRC	36,540 MI	917	.1170
12/3	HNY PRC	108,972 WI	957	.1130
TOTAL QUANTITY		145,512	TOTAL VALUE	16,589.01
KCMP50114	T W BUPLESON & SON INC PO BX 578 WAXAHACHIE TX 75165			
12/3	HNY PRC	143,676 TX	947	.1307
12/3	HNY PRC	248,148 TX	949	.1194
TOTAL QUANTITY		391,824	TOTAL VALUE	46,407.31
KCMP50115	WESTERN COMMERCE CORPORATION 636 TURNBULL CANYON RD INCESTRY CA 91744			
12/3	HNY PRC	179,356 CA	896	.1213
12/3	HNY PRC	72,216 CA	898	.1327
12/3	HNY PRC	36,000 CA	899	.1226
6/5	HNY PRC	144,540 AZ	958	.1153
TOTAL QUANTITY		432,612	TOTAL VALUE	52,568.58
KCMP50116	MELFORD OLSON HONEY CO 5201 DOUGLAS DR N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55429			
12/3	HNY PRC	215,496 IL	907	.1124
12/3	HNY PRC	180,324 IL	908	.1124
12/3	HNY PRC	108,144 MN	919	.1039
6/5	HNY PRC	54,360 ME	971	.1566
TOTAL QUANTITY		558,324	TOTAL VALUE	64,239.10

CONTRACT NUMBER PACK SIZE	CONTRACTOR PRODUCT	POUNDS - DESTINATION STATE - BLEND NUMBER		PROCESSING PRICE PER POUND
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KCMP50117 SILVER BOW HONEY COMPANY INC  
1220 13TH ST SNOHOMISH WA 98290

12/3	HNY PRC	36,720	OR 937	.1545
12/3	HNY PRC	71,892	OR 938	.1525
6/5	HNY PRC	71,280	WA 978	.1425

TOTAL QUANTITY 179,892 TOTAL VALUE 26,794.17

KCMP50118 KNIEFLER HONEY FARMS  
PO BOX 55 BALDWIN ND 58521

12/3	HNY PRC	253,260	CT 903	.1260
12/3	HNY PRC	33,088	ID 906	.1224
12/3	HNY PRC	72,000	IN 909	.1105
12/3	HNY PRC	107,928	IN 910	.1105
12/3	HNY PRC	108,252	KY 913	.1201
12/3	HNY PRC	72,540	KY 914	.1201
12/3	HNY PRC	72,792	MT 923	.1175
12/3	HNY PRC	179,954	NY 965	.1150
12/3	HNY PRC	179,748	NY 966	.1150
12/3	HNY PRC	288,576	PA 960	.1105
12/3	HNY PRC	323,136	PA 939	.1142
12/3	HNY PRC	181,692	PA 941	.1191
12/3	HNY PRC	72,090	PA 942	.1191
12/3	HNY PRC	36,396	SD 943	.1150
6/5	HNY PRC	20,010	OH 973	.1100
6/5	HNY PRC	16,620	OH 974	.1100
6/5	HNY PRC	36,570	TN 975	.1135

TOTAL QUANTITY 2,059,572 TOTAL VALUE 239,470.73

KCMP50119 SIOUX HONEY ASSN COOP  
PO BOX 388 SIOUX CITY IA 51102

12/3	HNY PRC	108,216	NE 924	.1066
12/3	HNY PRC	143,784	PA 967	.1167
6/5	HNY PRC	54,300	FL 962	.0999
6/5	HNY PRC	54,660	FL 963	.1051
6/5	HNY PRC	71,850	FL 964	.1043
6/5	HNY PRC	72,300	LA 969	.1041
6/5	HNY PRC	109,080	MD 972	.0880
6/5	HNY PRC	36,810	TX 976	.1105

TOTAL QUANTITY 651,000 TOTAL VALUE 68,171.73

CONTRACT NUMBER PACK SIZE	CONTRACTOR PRODUCT	POUNDS - DESTINATION STATE - BLEND NUMBER		PROCESSING PRICE PER POUND
KCMP50120	KNDEFLEA HONEY FARMS 11966 KNDEFLEA ST RIVERSIDE CA 92505			
12/3	HNY PRC	179,392 AZ	895	.1250
12/3	HNY PRC	74,520 CA	897	.1153
12/3	HNY PRC	144,216 CA	900	.1139
12/3	HNY PRC	216,288 CA	901	.1159
12/3	HNY PRC	71,576 CA	902	.1180
6/5	HNY PRC	109,200 CA	959	.1126
6/5	HNY PRC	103,840 CA	960	.1126
TOTAL QUANTITY		904,632	TOTAL VALUE	105,909.72
KCMP50121	MILLER'S HONEY FARMS INC P #1 BOX 58 BLACKFOOT ID 83221			
12/3	HNY PRC	35,748 NV	925	.1299
12/3	HNY PRC	108,180 UT	948	.1259
TOTAL QUANTITY		143,928	TOTAL VALUE	18,263.52
KCMP50122	UNIVERSAL INDUSTRIES CORP U S HIGHWAY 45 SOUTH COLUMBUS MS 39703			
12/3	HNY PRC	108,000 TN	944	.1109
12/3	HNY PRC	72,036 TN	945	.1142
12/3	HNY PRC	71,964 TN	946	.1125
TOTAL QUANTITY		252,000	TOTAL VALUE	28,209.66
KCMP50123	WESTERN COMMERCE CORP 3830 NE 103TH ST TERR KC MO 64157			
12/3	HNY PRC	146,340 KY	915	.1078
6/5	HNY PRC	108,930 KY	968	.1113
6/5	HNY PRC	36,540 LA	970	.1204
5 GAL	HNY PRC	29,940 AR	979	.1182
TOTAL QUANTITY		321,750	TOTAL VALUE	35,837.68

CONTRACT NUMBER PACK SIZE	CONTRACTOR PRODUCT	POUNDS - DESTINATION STATE - BLEND NUMBER	PROCESSING PRICE PER POUND
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KCMP50124 BARKMAN HONEY CO  
SANTA FE ST HILLSBORO KS 67063

12/3	HNY PRC	71,748 KS	911	.0972
12/3	HNY PRC	251,784 KS	912	.1044
12/3	HNY PRC	35,496 MS	920	.1153
12/3	HNY PRC	179,904 MO	921	.1133
12/3	HNY PRC	36,792 MO	922	.0983
12/3	HNY PRC	35,920 OK	934	.1075
12/3	HNY PRC	179,892 OK	935	.1117
12/3	HNY PRC	107,892 OK	936	.1099
12/3	HNY PRC	396,360 TX	950	.1129
6/5	HNY PRC	72,570 CO	961	.1170
6/5	HNY PRC	36,300 TX	977	.1217

TOTAL QUANTITY 1,404,726 TOTAL VALUE 154,230.38

KCMP50125 W STOLLER'S HONEY INC  
PO BOX 97 LATTY OH 45855

12/3	HNY PRC	139,296 MI	916	.1286
12/3	HNY PRC	144,324 MI	918	.1314
12/3	HNY PRC	36,000 NC	927	.1301
12/3	HNY PRC	71,928 OH	930	.1251
12/3	HNY PRC	103,324 OH	931	.1291
12/3	HNY PRC	71,964 OH	932	.1289
12/3	HNY PRC	107,460 OH	933	.1312
12/3	HNY PRC	143,820 VA	955	.1334

TOTAL QUANTITY 823,716 TOTAL VALUE 107,181.71

KCMP50126 BRACKEN HONEY BEE CORP  
BOX 195 DEVILS LAKE ND 58301

12/3	HNY PRC	71,676 ND	929	.0999
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TOTAL QUANTITY 71,676 TOTAL VALUE 7,160.43

KCMP50127 LEIGHTON'S HONEY INC  
1203 COMMERCE AVE HAINES CITY FL 33844

12/3	HNY PRC	107,928 FL	905	.1169
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TOTAL QUANTITY 107,928 TOTAL VALUE 12,616.78

KCMP50128 STILLWATERS APIARIES  
PO BOX 360 KEYSVILLE VA 23947

12/3	HNY PRC	36,324 NC	926	.1325
12/3	HNY PRC	103,216 VA	956	.1425

TOTAL QUANTITY 144,540 TOTAL VALUE 20,233.71

CONTRACT NUMBER PACK SIZE	CONTRACTOR PRODUCT	POUNDS - DESTINATION STATE - BLEND NUMBER		PROCESSING PRICE PER POUND
KCMP50129	GRIFFIS PACKAGING INC PO BOX 248 FARGO GA 31631			
12/3	HNY PRC	152,244 AL	951	.1230
12/3	HNY PRC	71,892 FL	904	.1177
12/3	HNY PRC	103,216 NC	923	.1247
TOTAL QUANTITY		332,352	TOTAL VALUE	40,682.25

\*\*\* SUMMARY \*\*\*

PRODUCT	BID-SYM	TOT LBS	PRICE/LB.	TOT EXPENDITURE
12/3	HNY PRC	7,651,234	.0972- .1545	906,371.65
6/5	HNY PRC	1,214,760	.0880- .1566	137,354.97
5 GAL	HNY PRC	29,940	.1182- .1182	3,538.91
		5,925,984		\$1,047,265.53

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Sales Contract Awards

**INFORMATION RELEASE**

LOW QUALITY UNPROCESSED HONEY

The Kansas City Commodity Office announced today the following sales of 367,272 pounds of Low Quality Unprocessed Honey under Announcement/Invitation KC-HS-30 dated May 8, 1986.

<u>CONTRACT NO.</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>PRICE PER LB.</u>
KCMS-50099	Progressive Services La Habra CA	6	2,513	\$.3151
		7	2,556	.3151
		11	1,150	.3151
		20	1,795	.3151
		31	2,544	.3000
		32	2,448	.3000
		33	3,814	.3000
		55	8,468	.3100
		56	13,994	.3100
		57	37,323	.3100
		58	38,337	.3100
		63	8,180	.3100
		68	9,472	.3000
			TOTAL	132,594
KCMS-50100	Rulison Honey Farms Amsterdam NY	52	1,287	.3150
		54	638	.3150
		TOTAL	1,925	VALUE
KCMS-50101	E F Lane & Son Oakland CA	30	308	.3300
		TOTAL	308	VALUE
KCMS-50102	Tropical Blossom Honey Edgewater FL	91	624	.3250
		92	1,175	.3250
		93	1,163	.3250
		TOTAL	2,962	VALUE
KCMS-50103	Heins Honey Co Inc Albany OR	24	4,421	.4450
		25	10,995	.3310
		96	1,318	.4010
		TOTAL	16,734	VALUE
KCMS-50104	Henderson Honey co Lake Park GA	51	1,762	.3200
	TOTAL	1,762	VALUE	\$563.84
KCMS-50105	Fruitwood Honey Monroeville NJ	71	1,566	.3205
	TOTAL	1,566	VALUE	\$501.90
KCMS-50106	Powers Apiaries Packing Babson Park FL	49	562	.4600
	TOTAL	562	VALUE	\$258.52
KCMS-50107	Soilleau's Farm Conyers GA	75	607	.3025
	TOTAL	607	VALUE	\$183.62
KCMS-50108	Knoefler Honey Farm Baldwin ND	45	8,322	.3000
		46	4,464	.3000
		66	400	.3300
		TOTAL	13,186	VALUE

<u>CONTRACT NO.</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>POUNDS</u>	<u>PRICE PER LB.</u>
KCMS-50109	Bee Natural Honey Co Inc Homestead FL	94	3,138	.3150
		95	1,745	.3150
		TOTAL	4,883	VALUE \$1,538.15
KCMS-50110	Sandwich Island Jams & Honey Koloa HI	59	3,101	.3276
		60	5,681	.3276
		61	8,195	.3276
		62	5,176	.3276
		TOTAL	22,153	VALUE \$7,257.32
KCMS-50111	Double J Apiaries Des Moines IA	29	591	.3100
		37	639	.3350
		47	667	.3400
		70	1,768	.3600
		TOTAL	3,665	VALUE \$1,260.54
KCMS-50112	Hubbard Apiaries Onsted MI	8	14,453	.3200
		9	1,881	.3200
		10	1,253	.3200
		12	7,655	.3200
		13	26,850	.3200
		14	1,900	.3200
		15	7,510	.3200
		16	6,370	.3200
		17	26,597	.3510
		18	6,419	.3200
		19	18,792	.3510
		21	10,668	.3500
		22	617	.3200
		23	1,724	.3200
		74	2,058	.3000
		76	3,190	.3100
		77	1,716	.3100
		78	1,219	.3000
		79	7,986	.3100
		80	15,507	.3100
TOTAL	164,365	VALUE \$53,974.37		

\*\*\* SUMMARY \*\*\*

POUNDS HONEY

367,272

PRICE RANGE

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## HONEY PRODUCERS, IMPORTERS APPROVE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORDER

WASHINGTON, June 16—Honey producers and importers have voted to adopt a federal research, promotion and consumer information order, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official announced today.

Joseph A. Gribbin, an official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said that in a referendum conducted in May, 87.5 percent of honey producers and importers voted for the order. The producers and importers voting in the referendum accounted for 37.5 percent of the total volume of honey produced or imported into the United States in 1984.

The order, authorized by the Honey Research, Promotion and Consumer Information Act of 1984, allows for the establishment of projects relating to the research, promotion and consumer education of honey and honey products. Funds to administer the program will be derived from assessments on producers and importers of honey. Only those producers or importers who produce or import 6,000 pounds or more annually would pay into the program. The assessment will be one cent per pound for the first year and could not be increased more than one-half cent per year thereafter. The maximum assessment cannot exceed four cents per pound. A producer or importer who does not wish to support the program can obtain a refund upon written request.

The Honey Board, a 13-member group of honey producers, packers, importers and a public representative appointed by the secretary of agriculture, would administer the program. A majority of the board members would be domestic honey producers. Their responsibility would include

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recommendation of research, promotion and consumer education projects for approval by the secretary.

For the order to be issued, USDA requires that it be approved by at least two-thirds of the producers and importers voting, or by a majority of the voting producers and importers, if that majority also accounted for at least two-thirds of the volume of honey produced and imported during the specified period.

