



Honey Market Presentation

Spring 2021



Overview of EU honey market (1)

- EU second world producer (280 000 tons) after China
- Total number of beehives: 18.9 millions in 2020 (+3.9% since 2019)
- Total number of beekeepers: 615 058
- Small sector but important for agriculture for pollinisation



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Overview of EU honey market (2)

- EU is only 60% self-sufficient in honey
- Imports needed to cover EU domestic consumption
- Main supplier for imported honey: Ukraine (just below 30% of EU imports), and China (just above 20% of EU imports)
- EU honey trade balance largely negative: Imports > Exports



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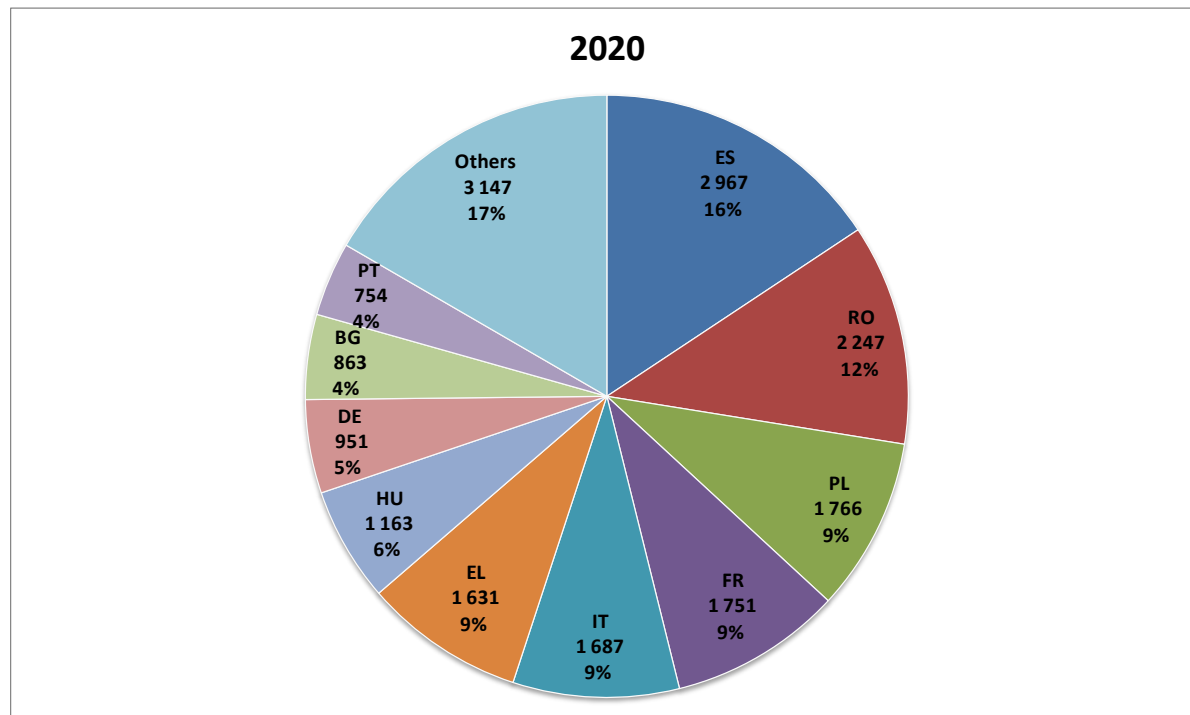
Number of hives (in thousand)



	2019	2020		
ES	3 034	2 967	↓	-2.2%
RO	1 998	2 247	↑	+12.5%
PL	1 678	1 766	↑	+5.2%
FR	1 584	1 751	↑	+10.5%
IT	1 606	1 687	↑	+5.0%
EL	1 454	1 631	↑	+12.2%
HU	1 236	1 163	↓	-5.9%
DE	916	951	↑	+3.8%
BG	868	863	↓	-0.5%
PT	799	754	↓	-5.7%
CZ	685	694	↑	+1.3%
HR	444	461	↑	+3.7%
AT	391	426	↑	+9.1%
SK	307	335	↑	+9.1%
SI	208	214	↑	+2.6%
SE	174	179	↑	+2.9%
DK	153	144	↓	-5.7%
LV	103	104	↑	+1.1%
FI	84	82	↓	-2.0%
NL	75	80	↑	+6.4%
BE	70	76	↑	+7.8%
CY	57	58	↑	+1.3%
EE	49	48	↓	-2.8%
IE	27	27	↑	+0.9%
LU	7	5	↓	-23.0%
MT	4	5	↑	+18.6%
LT	202	209	↑	+3.4%
EU	18 214	18 926	↑	+3.9%

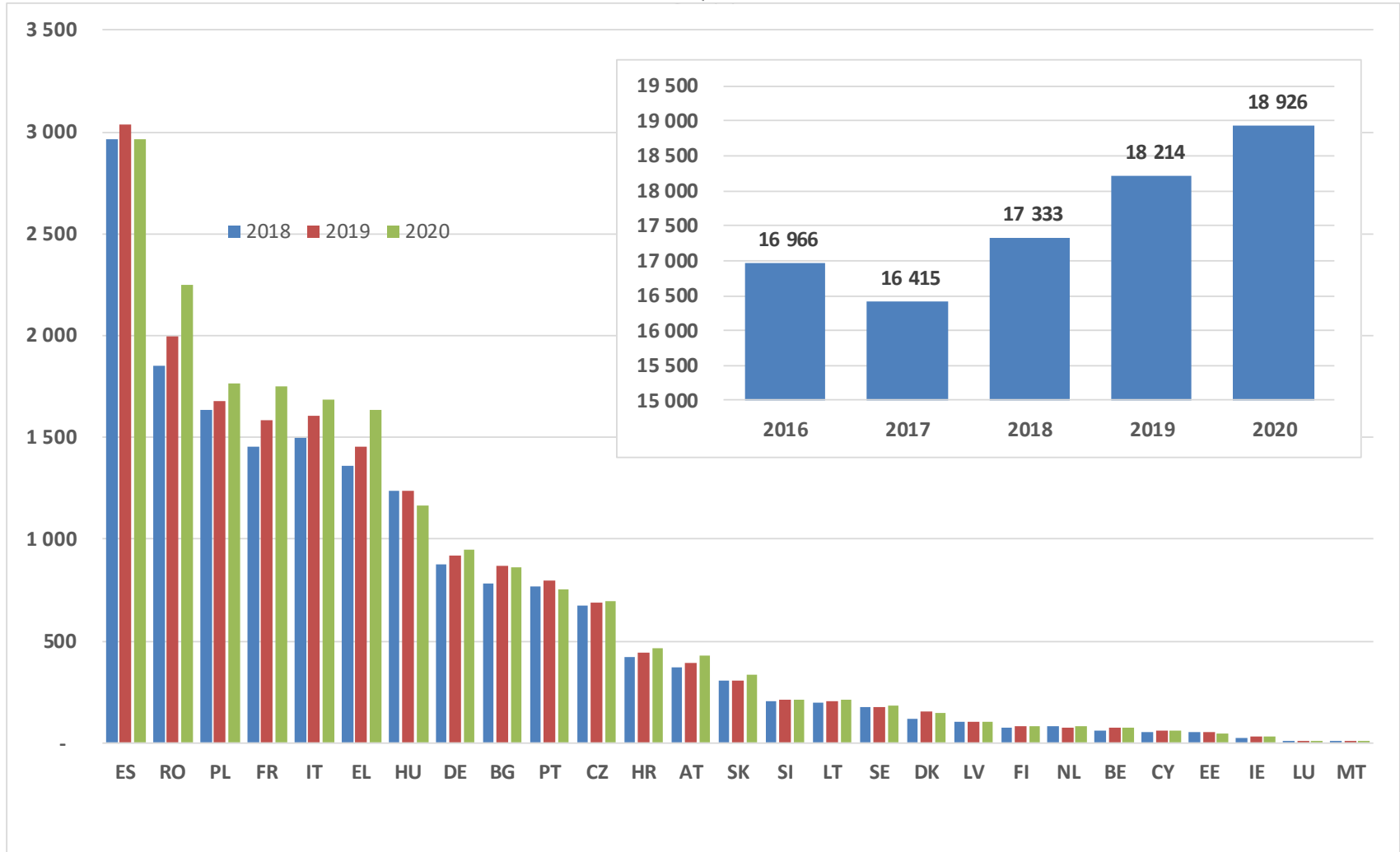
Source : MS notifications

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Source: Member States National apiculture programmes 2020-2022, notified in March 2021 "MSs NAPs"

Number of hives (in thousands)



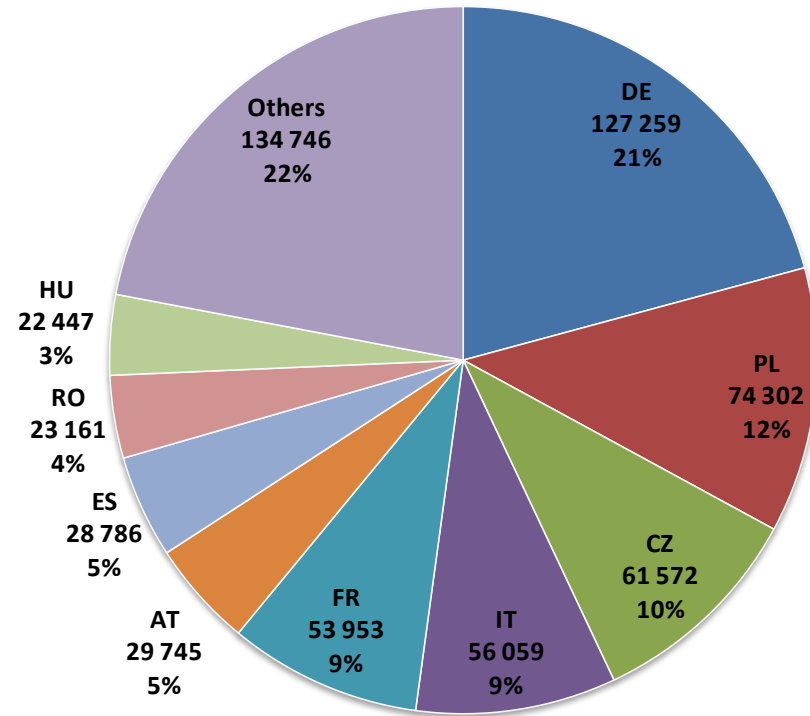
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Number of beekeepers



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	2017-2019	2020-2022		
DE	116.000	129.048	↑	+11,2%
PL	62.575	74.302	↑	+18,7%
CZ	49.486	61.572	↑	+24,4%
IT	50.000	56.059	↑	+12,1%
FR	41.560	53.953	↑	+29,8%
AT	25.277	29.745	↑	+17,7%
ES	23.816	28.786	↑	+20,9%
RO	22.930	23.161	↑	+1,0%
HU	21.565	22.447	↑	+4,1%
SK	17.171	18.586	↑	+8,2%
SE	14.000	16.000	↑	+14,3%
BG	17.969	12.260	↓	-31,8%
SI	10.145	11.349	↑	+11,9%
PO	10.698	11.301	↑	+5,6%
EL	24.582	9.266	↓	-62,3%
LT	8.536	8.950	↑	+4,9%
NL	7.000	9.345	↑	+33,5%
BE	9.490	8.223	↓	-13,4%
HR	12.526	7.283	↓	-41,9%
DK	7.000	7.000	→	+0,0%
EE	5.250	5.215	↓	-0,7%
IE	3.000	3.300	↑	+10,0%
FI	3.100	3.200	↑	+3,2%
LV	3.282	3.341	↑	+1,8%
CY	691	676	↓	-2,2%
LU	337	456	↑	+35,3%
MT	208	234	↑	+12,5%
EU	568.194	615.058	↑	+8,2%



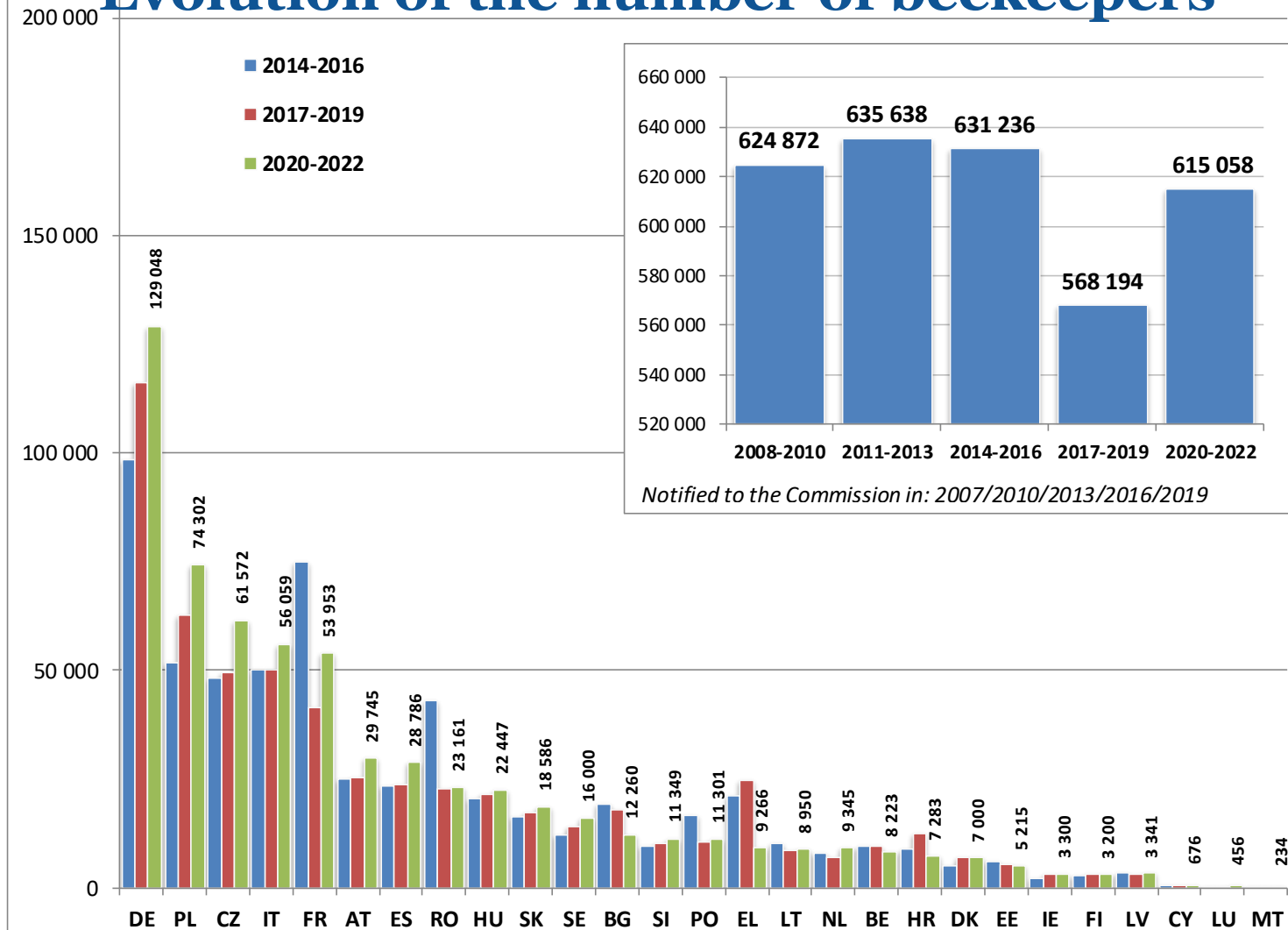
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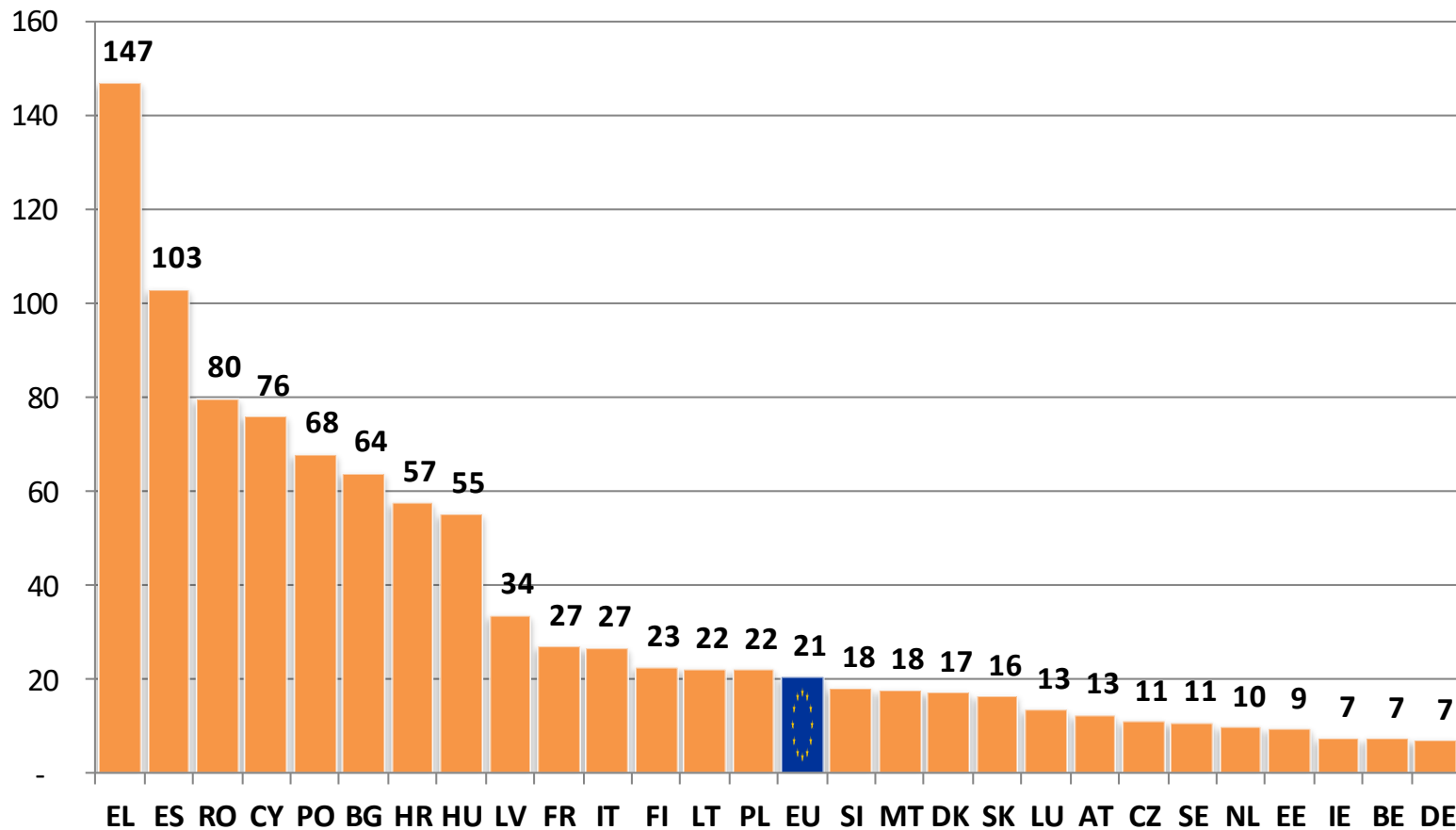
Evolution of the number of beekeepers





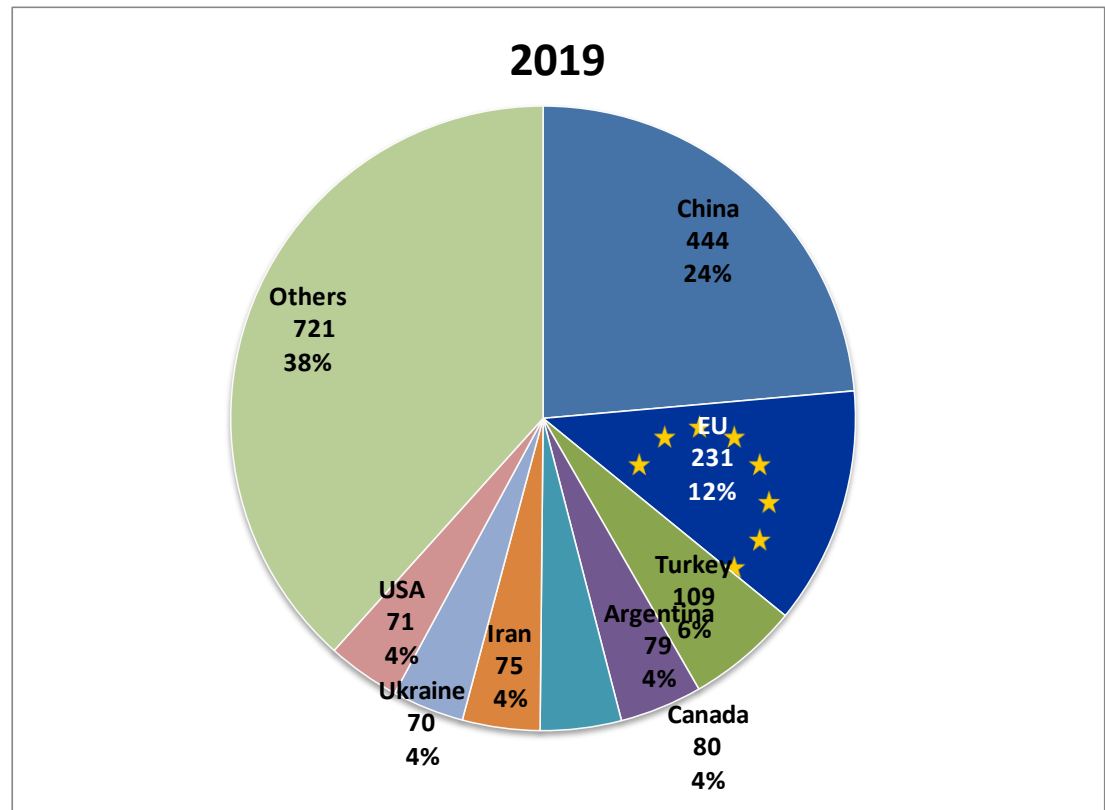
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Average Number of Hives per Beekeeper (2018)



World Production of Honey per Country (1 000 T)

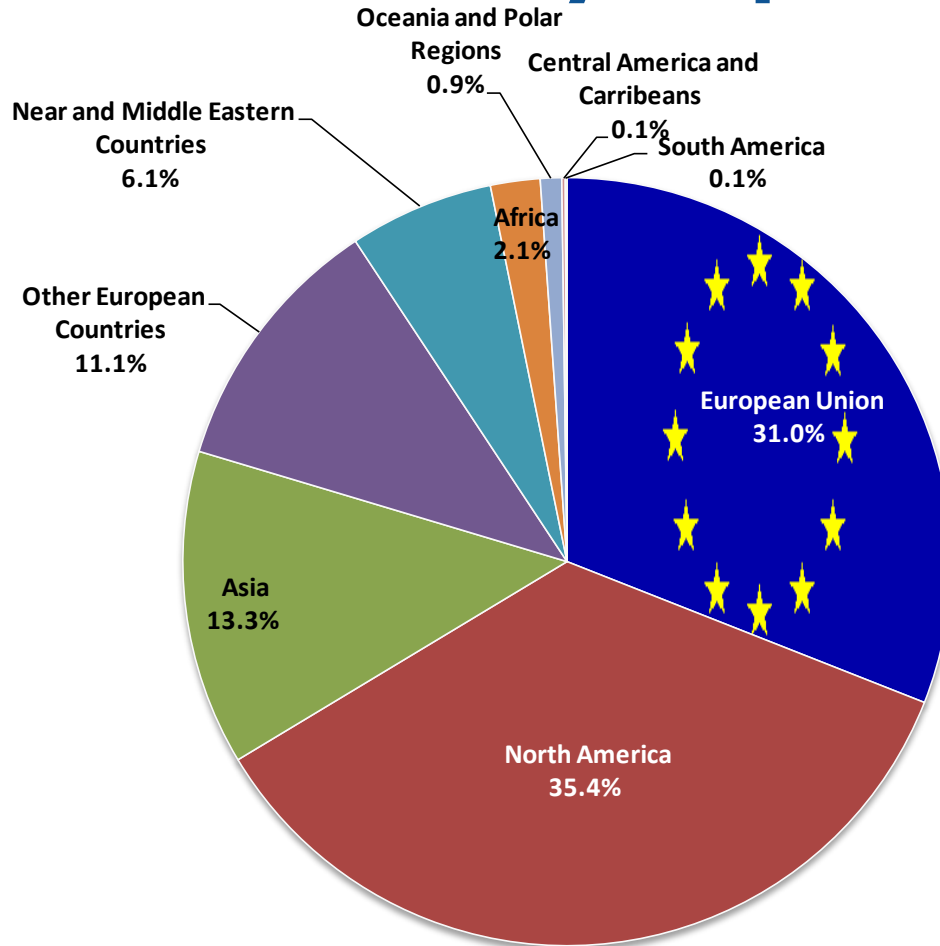
	2018	2019	Share of World Production
China	447	444	24%
European Union	240	231	12%
Turkey	108	109	6%
Canada	95	80	4%
Argentina	79	79	4%
Iran	76	75	4%
Ukraine	71	70	4%
USA	70	71	4%
India	68	67	4%
Russian Federation	65	64	3%
Mexico	64	62	3%
Ethiopia	50	54	3%
Brazil	42	46	2%
Tanzania	31	31	2%
Republic of Korea	26	30	2%
Angola	23	23	1%
Uruguay	21	22	1%
Kenya	21	14	1%
Viet Nam	20	22	1%
New Zealand	20	23	1%
Central African Republic	16	16	1%
Uzbekistan	13	13	1%
Chile	12	12	1%
Other	249	224	12%
	1 926	1 882	



Source : FAO

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The World's Honey importers (2019)

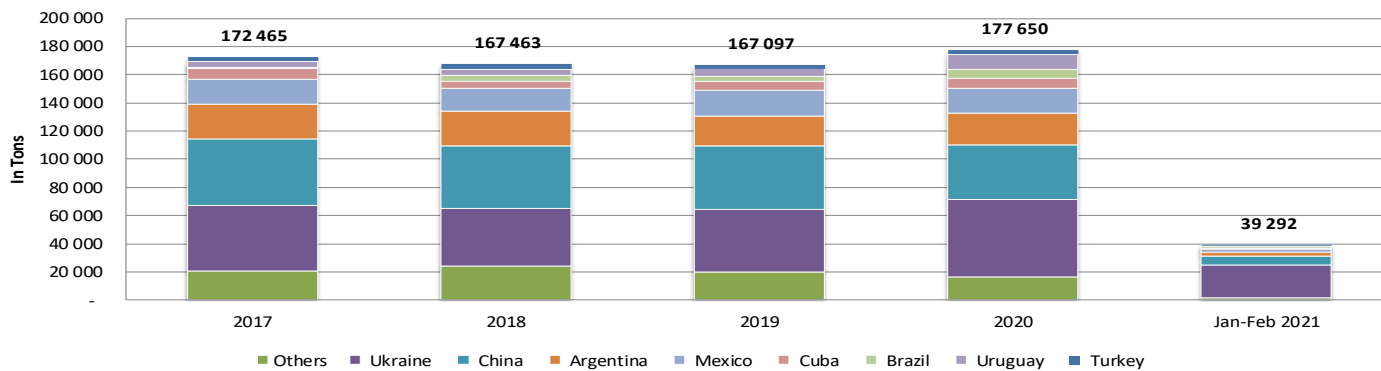


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Source : UN Comtrade

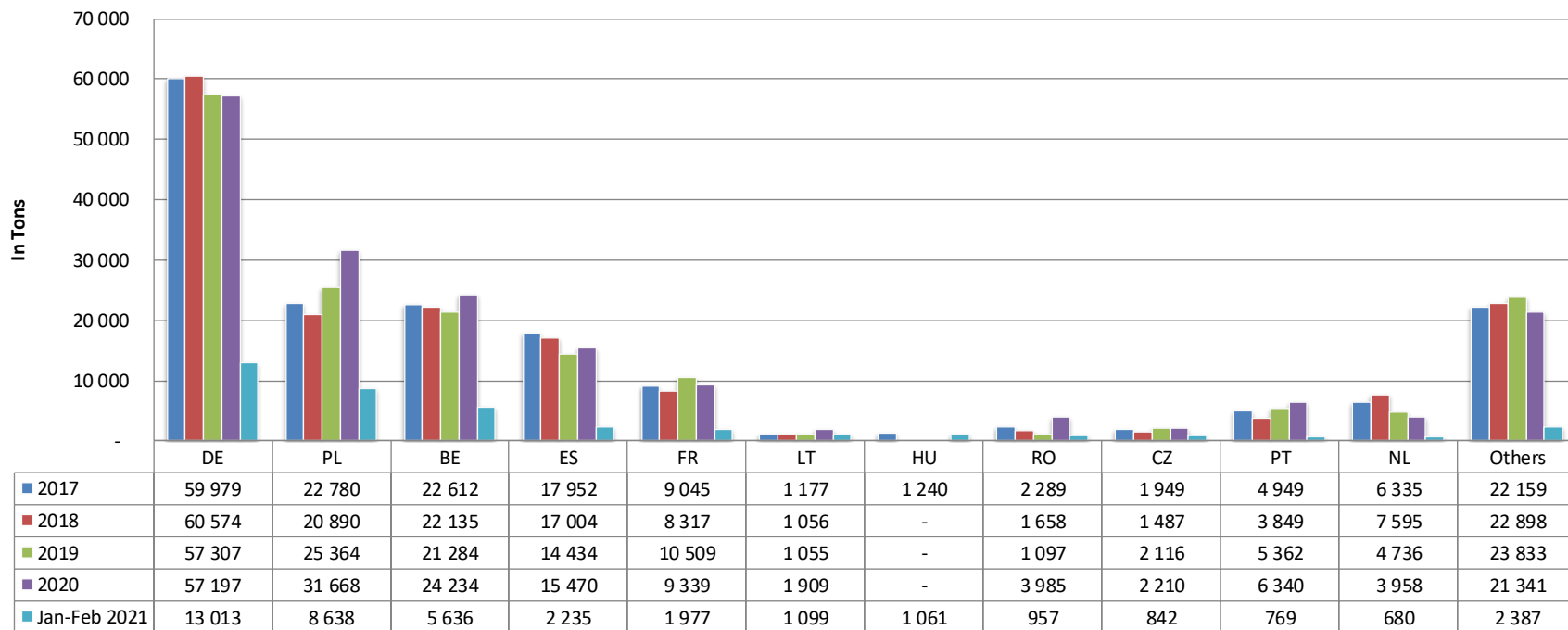
EU Imports of Honey by Origin (in Tons)

	2018		2019		2020		Jan-Feb 2021		Compared to Jan-Feb
	% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		
Ukraine	40 636	24.3%	44 523	26.6%	54 946	30.9%	23 367	59.5%	↑ +80.9%
China	44 680	26.7%	45 108	27.0%	39 027	22.0%	6 615	16.8%	↑ +22.6%
Argentina	24 485	14.6%	21 269	12.7%	22 841	12.9%	2 599	6.6%	↓ -25.3%
Mexico	16 309	9.7%	18 205	10.9%	17 476	9.8%	1 967	5.0%	↓ -38.8%
Cuba	4 974	3.0%	6 477	3.9%	7 065	4.0%	1 069	2.7%	↓ -21.9%
Brazil	4 201	2.5%	3 562	2.1%	6 259	3.5%	928	2.4%	↑ +53.2%
Uruguay	4 423	2.6%	5 382	3.2%	10 623	6.0%	819	2.1%	↓ -15.1%
Turkey	3 481	2.1%	2 977	1.8%	3 186	1.8%	518	1.3%	↓ -14.9%
Others	24 274	14.5%	19 594	11.7%	16 228	9.1%	1 410	3.6%	↓ -37.4%
Extra EU	167 463		167 097		177 650		39 292		↑ +27.6%
% Change	↓ -2.9%		↓ -0.2%		↑ +6.3%				



Source : Eurostat Comext

Member States' Share of Imports from Third Countries (in Tons)



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Member States' Share of Imports from Third Countries (in Tons)

	Jan-Feb 2020		Jan-Feb 2021		Compared to Jan-Feb 21	
	% Extra EU		% Extra EU			
DE	10 682	34.7%	13 013	42.2%	↑	+21.8%
PL	3 514	11.4%	8 638	28.0%	↑	+145.8%
BE	3 496	11.3%	5 636	18.3%	↑	+61.2%
ES	2 693	8.7%	2 235	7.3%	↓	-17.0%
FR	2 274	7.4%	1 977	6.4%	↓	-13.1%
LT	1 034	3.4%	1 099	3.6%	↑	+6.2%
HU	-	0.0%	1 061	3.4%		
RO	337	1.1%	957	3.1%	↑	+184.1%
CZ	424	1.4%	842	2.7%	↑	+98.7%
PT	1 635	5.3%	769	2.5%	↓	-53.0%
NL	859	2.8%	680	2.2%	↓	-20.8%
Others	3 853	12.5%	2 387	7.8%	↓	-38.1%
EU	30 800		39 292		↑	+27.6%

Source : Eurostat Comext

Member States Imports of Honey from United Kingdom (in Tons)

	2019		2020		% change 19/18	Jan-Feb 2020		Jan-Feb 2021		% change Jan-Feb 2021/2020
	% of EU		% of EU			% of EU		% of EU		
NL	384	8.0%	645	12.9%	↑ +67.9%	47	7.1%	211	57.2%	↑ +349.6%
IE	3 628	75.2%	3 358	67.4%	↓ -7.5%	501	76.0%	153	41.4%	↓ -69.5%
GR	2	0.0%	3	0.1%	↑ +25.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.9%	↑ +1650.0%
DE	95	2.0%	33	0.7%	↓ -65.7%	14	2.2%	1	0.3%	↓ -92.3%
DK	22	0.4%	0	0.0%	↓ -100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.1%	
BE	8	0.2%	4	0.1%	↓ -54.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	↓ -100.0%
LV	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
LT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Others	687	14.2%	942	18.9%	↑ +37.2%	97	14.7%	0	0.0%	↓ -100.0%
Total EU	4 825		4 983		↑ +3.3%	659		369		↓ -44.0%

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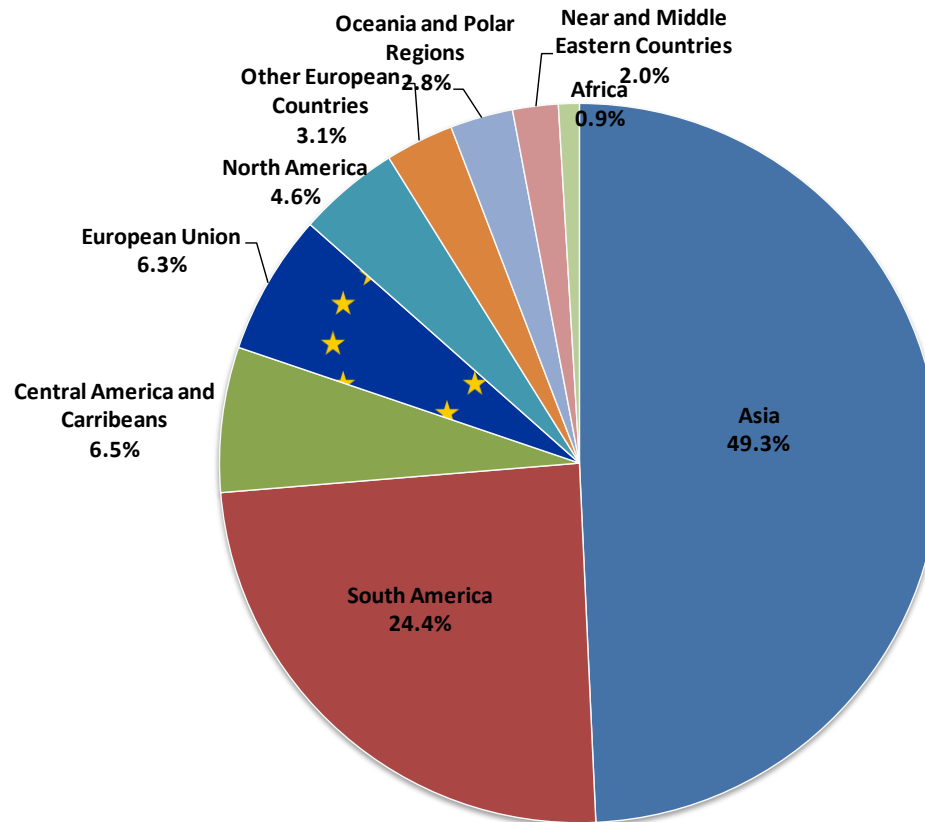
EU Average Unit Value for Imported Honey (€/Kg) by Origin

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021/2020 %
Ukraine	1.74	1.83	1.68	1.53	1.61	↑ +5.2%
China	1.63	1.51	1.40	1.37	1.27	↓ -7.3%
Argentina	2.23	2.35	2.28	2.20	2.27	↑ +3.4%
Mexico	2.83	2.89	2.56	2.22	2.18	↓ -1.6%
Cuba	2.34	2.40	2.11	1.83	2.01	↑ +9.6%
Brazil	3.84	3.38	2.67	2.16	2.32	↑ +7.0%
Uruguay	2.35	2.25	1.99	1.78	1.79	↑ +0.8%
Turkey	3.75	3.87	3.46	3.33	3.19	↓ -4.2%
United Kingdom	4.88	4.73	4.28	4.27	2.79	↓ -34.7%
Serbia	3.06	3.74	3.51	5.28	7.00	↑ +32.5%
Moldova	2.49	2.47	2.69	2.28	2.48	↑ +8.8%
New Zealand	27.45	30.70	28.52	29.04	23.52	↓ -19.0%
Chile	2.89	2.96	2.71	2.72	3.03	↑ +11.3%
India	2.18	1.65	1.66	1.70	1.69	↓ -0.6%
Russia	1.36	1.92	2.21	2.11	2.08	↓ -1.4%
Extra EU	2.24	2.33	2.13	2.05	1.84	↓ -10.2%
Extra EU (excl. NZ)	2.13	2.23	2.02	1.89	1.75	↓ -7.3%

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The World's Honey exporters (2019)

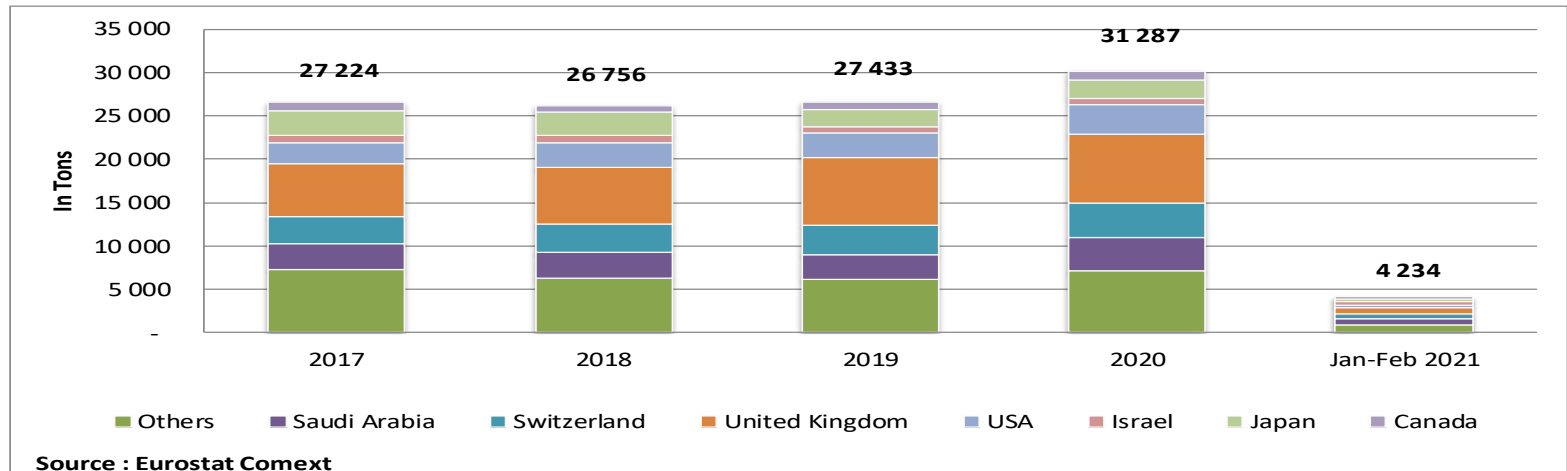


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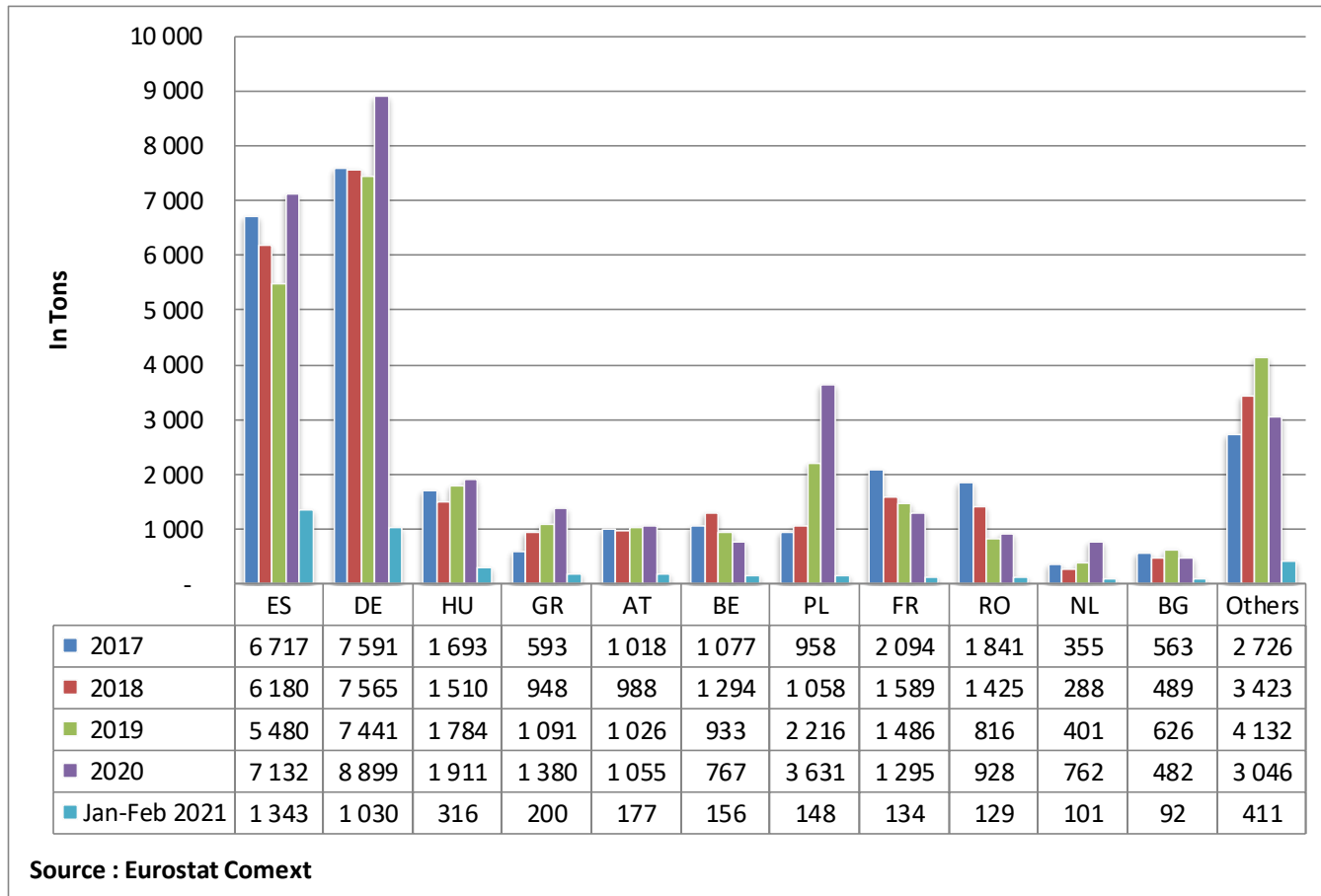
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EU Exports of Honey by Destinations



























	2018		2019		2020		Jan-Feb 2021		Compared to Jan-Feb
	% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		
Saudi Arabia	2 956	11.0%	2 815	10.3%	3 817	12.2%	706	16.7%	↑ +91.1%
Switzerland	3 348	12.5%	3 438	12.5%	4 034	12.9%	623	14.7%	↓ -8.5%
United Kingdom	6 521	24.4%	7 833	28.6%	7 859	25.1%	599	14.1%	↓ -52.3%
USA	2 889	10.8%	2 825	10.3%	3 408	10.9%	384	9.1%	↓ -0.8%
Israel	790	3.0%	620	2.3%	680	2.2%	364	8.6%	↑ +34.7%
Japan	2 712	10.1%	1 992	7.3%	2 154	6.9%	295	7.0%	↑ +26.4%
Canada	748	2.8%	969	3.5%	984	3.1%	240	5.7%	↑ +83.0%
U.A.Emirates	561	2.1%	815	3.0%	1 201	3.8%	130	3.1%	↓ -63.1%
Others	6 231	23.3%	6 127	22.3%	7 150	22.9%	894	21.1%	↓ -3.2%
Extra EU	26 756		27 433		31 287		4 234		↓ -8.0%
% Change	↓ -1.7%		↑ +2.5%		↑ +14.0%				



Member States Share of Export to Third Countries



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	Jan-Feb 2020 <i>% Extra EU</i>		Jan-Feb 2021 <i>% Extra EU</i>		Compared to Jan-Feb 20	
ES	997	21.7%	 1 343	29.2%		+34.6%
DE	1 234	26.8%	 1 030	22.4%		-16.6%
HU	384	8.3%	 316	6.9%		-17.7%
GR	224	4.9%	 200	4.3%		-11.0%
AT	195	4.2%	 177	3.8%		-9.0%
BE	87	1.9%	 156	3.4%		+79.1%
PL	609	13.2%	 148	3.2%		-75.8%
FR	214	4.6%	 134	2.9%		-37.3%
RO	124	2.7%	 129	2.8%		+3.7%
NL	52	1.1%	 101	2.2%		+93.1%
BG	66	1.4%	 92	2.0%		+39.0%
Others	1 414	30.7%	 411	8.9%		-71.0%
EU	4 603		 4 234			-8.0%

Member States Exports of Honey to United Kingdom (in tons)

	2019		2020		% change 19/18	Jan-Feb 2020		Jan-Feb 2021		% change Jan-Feb 21/20
	Value	% of EU	Value	% of EU		Value	% of EU	Value	% of EU	
PL	2 058	26.3%	2 803	35.7%	↑ +36.2%	550	43.8%	118	19.6%	↓ -78.6%
BE	670	8.6%	469	6.0%	↓ -30.0%	58	4.6%	95	15.8%	↑ +63.8%
DE	970	12.4%	1 234	15.7%	↑ +27.3%	133	10.6%	62	10.4%	↓ -53.1%
RO	368	4.7%	437	5.6%	↑ +18.8%	61	4.9%	59	9.9%	↓ -3.3%
IE	1 448	18.5%	646	8.2%	↓ -55.4%	85	6.8%	53	8.8%	↓ -37.9%
ES	890	11.4%	1 030	13.1%	↑ +15.7%	139	11.0%	52	8.6%	↓ -62.8%
HU	198	2.5%	123	1.6%	↓ -38.3%	6	0.5%	47	7.9%	↑ +686.7%
GR	282	3.6%	273	3.5%	↓ -3.2%	74	5.9%	41	6.8%	↓ -44.4%
Others	949	12.1%	845	10.8%	↓ -10.9%	151	12.0%	73	12.1%	↓ -52.0%
Total EU	7 833		7 859		↑ +0.3%	1 256		599		↓ -52.3%

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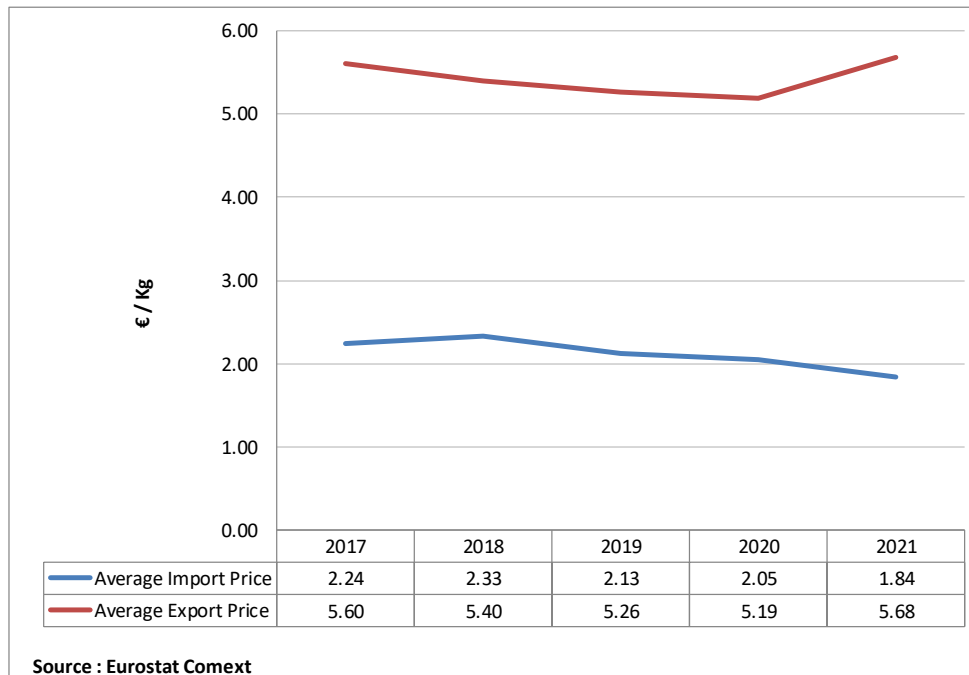
EU Average Unit Value for Exported Honey (€/kg) by Destination

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021/2020 %
Saudi Arabia	7.83	6.88	7.53	6.43	6.58	↑ +2.3%
Switzerland	5.56	5.53	5.41	5.68	6.18	↑ +8.9%
United Kingdom	5.05	4.83	3.98	3.64	4.62	↑ +26.7%
USA	6.30	5.89	6.29	5.77	6.64	↑ +15.1%
Israel	2.97	2.96	2.84	2.82	2.79	↓ -0.9%
Japan	5.50	5.22	5.75	6.53	7.29	↑ +11.5%
Canada	3.74	4.15	3.89	3.86	3.32	↓ -14.0%
U.A.Emirates	7.60	7.65	7.51	7.72	7.75	↑ +0.4%
Norway	5.04	5.99	5.39	5.27	6.02	↑ +14.3%
Morocco	1.98	1.97	2.80	2.57	2.82	↑ +9.7%
Jordan	4.82	5.04	4.85	4.79	5.75	↑ +19.9%
Hong Kong	6.39	6.98	6.99	6.79	6.66	↓ -2.0%
Bosnia-Herz.	4.08	4.53	4.78	4.58	4.11	↓ -10.3%
China	5.73	6.02	7.44	6.33	6.66	↑ +5.3%
Algeria	5.46	3.25	3.14	3.85	3.88	↑ +0.9%
Extra EU	5.60	5.40	5.26	5.19	5.68	↑ +9.5%

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Average Import and Export Prices





Where to find data:

New homepage

https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/animals-and-animal-products/animal-products/honey_en