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Seasonality in the number of bee colonies

The number of bee colonies in the US changes with the seasons depending on the state. In some northern states, the number of bees increases more than two-fold in spring, and their numbers are maintained until winter. In some warmer southern states, such as California or Texas, the number of colonies drops during the hottest months, recovering only with milder temperatures.

Maximum number
of bee colonies
relative to
Jan-Mar 2015
(log scale)

