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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN

SIOUX FALLS, March 1, 2007 – South Dakota's 2006 honey production totaled 10.58 million pounds, down 39 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota honey production ranked fourth in the nation behind North Dakota, California, and Florida, respectively.

The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 225,000, was up 5,000 colonies from 2005. Honey production per colony, at 47 pounds, was down 32 pounds from 2005. Over the previous five years, the state has averaged 222,000 colonies producing an average of 74 pounds of honey per colony.

The price received by producers increased 4 percent in 2006, from \$0.79 per pound to \$0.82 per pound. The 2006 value of production, at \$8.67 million, is down 37 percent from \$13.73 million in 2005.

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