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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION UP FROM 2006

SIoux FALLS, February 29, 2008 – South Dakota's 2007 honey production totaled 13.26 million pounds, up 25 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota honey production ranked third in the nation behind North Dakota and California, respectively.

The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 255,000, was up 30,000 colonies from 2006. Honey production per colony, at 52 pounds, was up 5 pounds from 2006. Over the previous five years, the state has averaged 220,000 colonies producing an average of 70 pounds of honey per colony.

The price received by producers decreased 2 percent in 2007, from \$0.95 per pound to \$0.93 per pound. The 2007 value of production, at \$12.33 million, is up 23 percent from \$10.05 million in 2006.

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