



## Arkansas Honey

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This report contains the results from the **Bee and Honey Survey**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

## 2018 Arkansas Honey Production Down 29 Percent

Honey production during 2018 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.40 million pounds, down 29 percent from 2017. There were 28,000 honey producing colonies in 2018, down 1,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 50 pounds of honey, down 26 percent from 2017. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2018, were 84,000 pounds, down 43 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey decreased to \$1.87 per pound in 2018 from \$1.97 per pound in 2017. The total value of honey production totaled \$2.62 million, down 33 percent from the previous year.

### Honey Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Arkansas and United States: 2017 and 2018

[Operations with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2017 <sup>1</sup>	2018	Percent of previous year	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2018	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies <sup>2</sup>	1,000 colonies	29.0	28.0	97	2,683.0	2,803.0	104
Yield per colony	Pounds	68.0	50.0	74	55.5	54.4	98
Production	1,000 pounds	1,972.0	1,400.0	71	148,980.0	152,348.0	102
Stocks on December 15 <sup>3</sup>	1,000 pounds	197.0	84.0	43	30,662.0	29,091.0	95
Average price per pound <sup>4</sup>	Cents	197.0	187.0	95	219.9	216.6	98
Value of production <sup>5</sup>	1,000 dollars	3,885.0	2,618.0	67	334,166.0	333,482.0	100

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

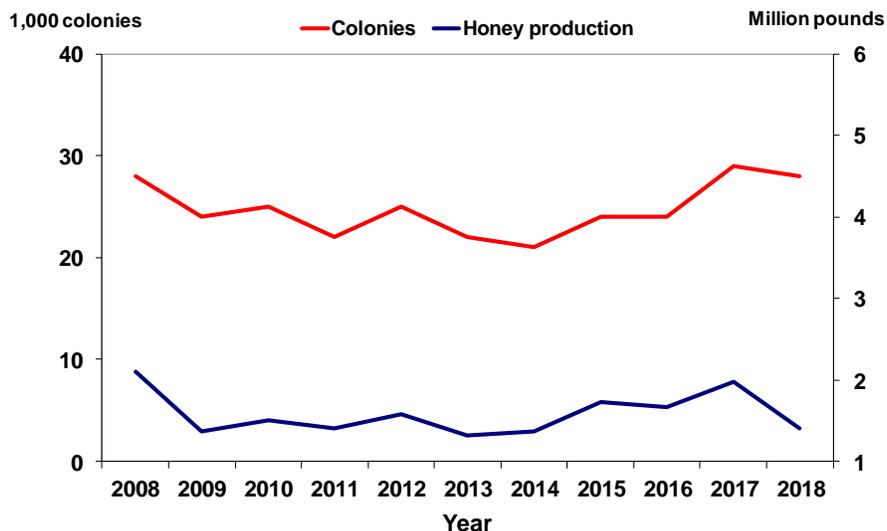
<sup>2</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

<sup>3</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>4</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>5</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

## Honey Producing Colonies and Production - Arkansas: 2008 - 2018



## Honey Price by Color Class - United States: 2017 and 2018

[Operations with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm]

Color class	Average price per pound by marketing channel					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2018	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2018	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2018
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)
All honey	205.1	201.1	445.0	421.0	219.9	216.6
Water white, extra white, and white	204.7	197.3	314.3	379.8	206.3	200.4
Extra light amber	206.0	200.1	487.3	425.2	217.3	209.2
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	202.8	205.7	497.0	473.3	241.1	240.1
All other honey and area specialties	287.2	259.6	627.9	690.0	383.4	347.9

<sup>1</sup>Revised.

## All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales - United States: 2013 - 2018

