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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.

2019 Arkansas Honey Production Down 21 Percent

Honey production during 2019 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.10 million pounds, down 21 percent from 2018. There were 20,000 honey producing colonies in 2019, down 8,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 55 pounds of honey, up 10 percent from 2018. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2019, were 176,000 pounds, up 110 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey decreased from \$1.88 per pound in 2018 to \$1.53 per pound in 2019. The total value of honey production totaled \$1.68 million, down 36 percent from the previous year.

Number of Honey Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value of Production - Arkansas and United States: 2018 and 2019

[Operations with five 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		
		2018	2019	Percent of previous year	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies ¹	1,000 colonies	28.00	20.00	71	2,828.00	2,812.00	99
Yield per colony	pounds	50.00	55.00	110	54.50	55.80	102
Production	1,000 pounds	1,400.00	1,100.00	79	154,008.00	156,922.00	102
Stocks on December 15 ²	1,000 pounds	84.00	176.00	210	29,303.00	41,022.00	140
Average price per pound ³	dollars	1.88	1.53	81	2.21	1.97	89
Value of production ⁴	1,000 dollars	2,632.00	1,683.00	64	340,358.00	309,136.00	91

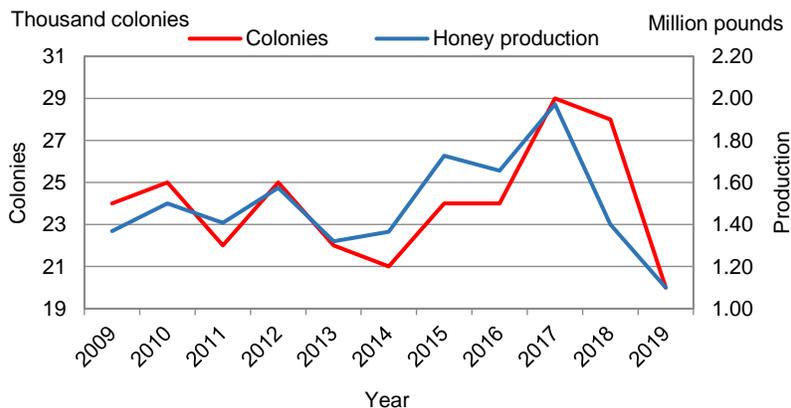
¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

**Honey Producing Colonies and Production
Arkansas: 2009 - 2019**



Honey Price by Color Class - United States: 2018 and 2019

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

Color class	Average price per pound by marketing channel					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
All honey	2.03	1.70	4.38	4.85	2.21	1.97
Water white, extra white, white	1.98	1.61	3.63	3.99	2.01	1.67
Extra light amber	2.01	1.63	3.44	3.55	2.12	1.85
Light amber, amber, dark amber	2.10	1.93	4.89	5.63	2.51	2.54
All other honey, area specialties	2.64	2.40	7.17	7.77	3.62	3.84

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United States: 2009 - 2019**

