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HONEY PRODUCTION

ARIZONA

Arizona honey production in 2022 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.04 million pounds, down less than half of one percent 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 23,000 colonies producing honey in 2022, down 12 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 45 pounds, up 13 percent from the 40 pounds in 2021. Producer honey stocks were 476,000 pounds on December 15, 2022, up 31 percent from a year earlier. Arizona honey prices increased during 2022 to \$2.69 per pound, up 4 percent from \$2.58 per pound in 2021.

COLORADO

Colorado honey production in 2022 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.30 million pounds, up 12 percent from 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 31,000 colonies producing honey in 2022, up 7 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 42 pounds, up 5 percent from the 40 pounds in 2021. Producer honey stocks were 339,000 pounds on December 15, 2022, up 46 percent from a year earlier. Colorado honey prices increased during 2022 to \$3.26 per pound, up 8 percent from \$3.01 per pound in 2021.

MONTANA

Montana honey production in 2022 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 7.50 million pounds, up 13 percent from 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 123,000 colonies producing honey in 2022, up 5 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 61 pounds, up 7 percent from the 57 pounds in 2021. Producer honey stocks were 2.18 million pounds on December 15, 2022, up 13 percent from a year earlier. Montana honey prices increased during 2022 to \$2.64 per pound, up 21 percent from \$2.19 per pound in 2021.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico bee and honey estimates were not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

UTAH

Utah honey production in 2022 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.20 million pounds, up 17 percent from 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 26,000 colonies producing honey in 2022, down 16 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 46 pounds, up 39 percent from the 33 pounds in 2021. Producer honey stocks were 120,000 pounds on December 15, 2022, up 30 percent from a year earlier. Utah honey prices increased during 2022 to \$3.00 per pound, up 27 percent from \$2.36 per pound in 2021.

WYOMING

Wyoming honey production in 2022 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.35 million pounds, down 39 percent from 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 30,000 colonies producing honey in 2022, down 21 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 45 pounds, down 22 percent from the 58 pounds in 2021. Producer honey stocks were 230,000 pounds on December 15, 2022, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Wyoming honey prices increased during 2022 to \$2.64 per pound, up 26 percent from \$2.09 per pound in 2021.

UNITED STATES

United States honey production in 2022 totaled 125 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 47.0 pounds, unchanged from 2021. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 23.3 million pounds on December 15, 2022, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices increased 12 percent during 2022 to \$2.96 per pound, compared to \$2.65 per pound in 2021. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2021 crop reflect honey sold in 2021 and 2022. Some 2021 crop honey was sold in 2022, which caused some revisions to the 2021 crop prices.

The average prices paid in 2022 for honey bee queens, packages, and nucs were \$22, \$98, and \$129, respectively. Pollination income for 2022 was \$241 million, down 11 percent from 2021. Other income from honey bees in 2022 was \$55.2 million, down 31 percent from 2021.

For a full copy of the *Honey* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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