



# News Release

## Indiana Honey Production Down 23 Percent

Indiana honey production for 2017 totaled 336 thousand pounds, down 23 percent from 2016. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Indiana's 7,000 honey producing colonies averaged 48 pounds in 2017, compared with 62 pounds the previous year. Indiana honey price averaged \$3.94 per pound, up 48 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$1.32 million, down 12 percent from 2016. Honey stocks were 128 thousand pounds, down 38 percent from 2016.

Nationally, honey production in 2017 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2016. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2017, down 4 percent from 2016. Yield per colony averaged 55.3 pounds, down 5 percent from the 58.3 pounds in 2016. 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 30.6 million pounds on December 15, 2017, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased 2 percent during 2017 to 215.6 cents per pound, compared to 211.9 cents per pound in 2016. 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 2016 crop reflect honey sold in 2016 and 2017. Some 2016 crop honey was sold in 2017, which caused some revisions to the 2016 crop prices.

### Honey: Production and Value, Indiana, 2013-2017 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Honey producing colonies	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production	Stocks Dec. 15 <sup>2</sup>
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
2013	6	47	282	277	781	82
2014	5	62	310	319	989	115
2015	6	53	318	323	1,027	165
2016	7	62	434	346	1,502	208
2017	7	48	336	394	1,324	128

<sup>1</sup> Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

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