



Louisiana Bee and Honey Report

Released March 22, 2017

Cooperating with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry

5825 Florida Blvd · Baton Rouge, LA 70806

(225) 922-1362 · (225) 922-0744 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov

This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

2016 Louisiana Honey Production Down 1 Percent

Honey production during 2016 from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies totaled 4.30 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2015. There were 50,000 honey producing colonies in 2016, up 6,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 86 pounds of honey, down 13 percent from 2015. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2016, were 301,000 pounds, down 14 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey decreased to \$1.93 per pound in 2016 from \$1.95 per pound in 2015. The total value of honey production totaled \$8.30 million, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Louisiana and U.S., 2015-2016¹

Item	Unit	Louisiana			United States		
		2015 ²	2016	% Change from '15	2015 ²	2016	% Change from '15
Honey Producing Colonies ³	1,000 Colonies	44	50	+14	2,660	2,775	+4
Yield per Colony	Pounds	99	86	-13	58.9	58.3	-1
Production	1,000 Pounds	4,356	4,300	-1	156,544	161,882	+3
Stocks on December 15 ⁴	1,000 Pounds	348	301	-14	42,203	41,253	-2
Average Price per Pound ⁵	Cents	195	193	-1	208.3	207.5	-
Value of Production ⁶	1,000 Dollars	8,494	8,299	-2	326,081	335,905	+3

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

² Revised.

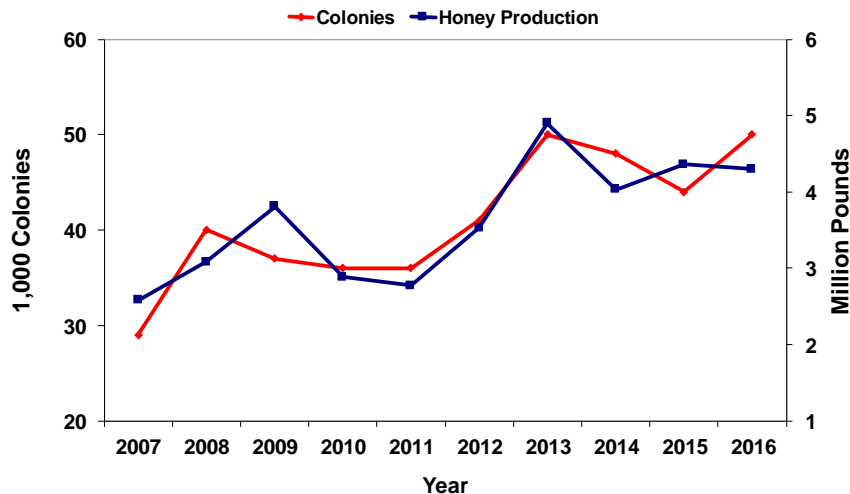
³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

⁴ Stocks held by producers.

⁵ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁶ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Louisiana, 2007-2016



Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2015-2016

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-op and Private			Retail			All		
	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016	% Change from '15
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
All Honey	195.0	188.1	-3.5	409.9	462.0	+12.7	208.3	207.5	-0.4
Water White, Extra White, and White	188.6	185.1	-1.9	305.4	490.8	+60.7	190.6	192.9	+1.2
Extra Light Amber	202.5	187.7	-7.3	411.8	377.5	-8.3	213.2	195.1	-8.5
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	200.4	189.4	-5.5	412.1	436.4	+5.9	234.7	224.8	-4.2
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	284.9	244.0	-14.4	656.6	792.8	+20.7	351.5	385.6	+9.7

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2012-2016

