



## Louisiana Honey

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### Cooperating with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry

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/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

## 2018 Louisiana Honey Production Up 7 Percent

Honey production during 2018 from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.74 million pounds, up 7 percent from 2017. There were 45,000 honey producing colonies in 2018, up 2,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 83 pounds of honey, up 2 percent from 2017. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2018, were 261,000 pounds, down 6 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey decreased to \$1.90 per pound in 2018 from \$1.93 per pound in 2017. The total value of honey production totaled \$7.10 million, up 6 percent from the previous year.

### Honey Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Louisiana 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	Louisiana			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	43.0	45.0	105	2,683.0	2,803.0	104
Yield per colony	Pounds	81.0	83.0	102	55.5	54.4	98
Production	1,000 pounds	3,483.0	3,735.0	107	148,980.0	152,348.0	102
Stocks on December 15 <sup>3</sup>	1,000 pounds	279.0	261.0	94	30,662.0	29,091.0	95
Average price per pound <sup>4</sup>	Cents	193.0	190.0	98	219.9	216.6	98
Value of production <sup>5</sup>	1,000 dollars	6,722.0	7,097.0	106	334,166.0	333,482.0	100

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

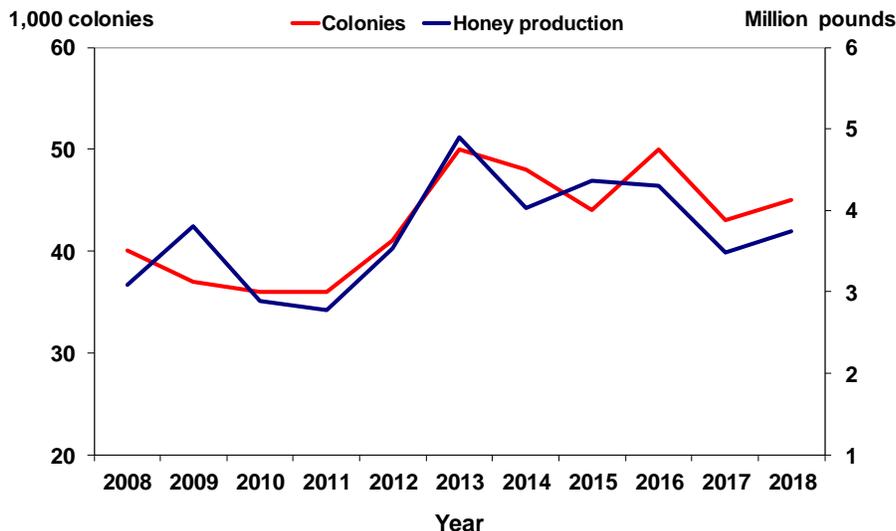
<sup>2</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

<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 - Louisiana: 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	2018	2017	2018	2017	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

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

