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

2020 Louisiana Honey Production Down 41 Percent

Honey production during 2020 from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.28 million pounds, down 41 percent from 2019. There were 33,000 honey producing colonies in 2020, down 21,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 69 pounds of honey, down 4 percent from 2019. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2020, were 228,000 pounds, down 47 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey increased from \$2.15 per pound in 2019 to \$2.42 per pound in 2020. The total value of honey production totaled \$5.51 million, down 34 percent from the previous year.

Number of Honey Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value of Production - Louisiana and United States: 2019 and 2020

[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	Louisiana			United States		
		2019 ¹	2020	Percent of previous year	2019 ¹	2020	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies ²	1,000 colonies	54.00	33.00	61	2,812.00	2,706.00	96
Yield per colony	pounds	72.00	69.00	96	55.80	54.50	98
Production	1,000 pounds	3,888.00	2,277.00	59	156,922.00	147,594.00	94
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 pounds	428.00	228.00	53	40,861.00	39,715.00	97
Average price per pound ⁴	cents	2.15	2.42	113	1.99	2.03	102
Value of production ⁵	1,000 dollars	8,359.00	5,510.00	66	312,275.00	299,616.00	96

¹ Revised.

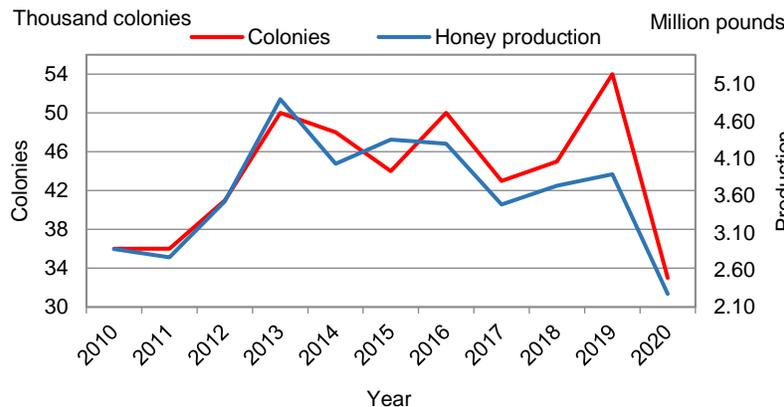
² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

**Honey Producing Colonies and Production
Louisiana: 2010 - 2020**



Honey Price by Color Class - United States: 2019 and 2020

[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	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)
All honey	1.73	1.78	4.82	5.22	1.99	2.03
Water white, extra white, white	1.63	1.69	4.70	4.94	1.70	1.77
Extra light amber	1.70	1.76	3.63	4.64	1.90	1.88
Light amber, amber, dark amber	1.95	1.87	5.30	5.26	2.57	2.35
All other honey, area specialties	3.16	2.36	6.62	7.62	3.99	2.87

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