



News Release

Michigan Honey Production Up 23 Percent

Michigan honey production for 2014 totaled 5.73 million pounds, up 23 percent from 2013. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Michigan ranked eighth in honey production in 2014. Michigan was ranked ninth in 2013. Yields from Michigan's 91,000 honey producing colonies averaged 63 pounds in 2014, compared with 55 pounds the previous year.

The Michigan honey price averaged \$2.50 per pound, up 34 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$14.3 million, up 42 percent from 2013. Honey stocks were 1.84 million pounds, up 87 percent from 2013.

Nationally, honey production in 2014 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 178 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2013. There were 2.74 million colonies producing honey in 2014, up 4 percent from 2013. Yield per colony averaged 65.1 pounds, up 15 percent from the 56.6 pounds in 2013. 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 41.2 million pounds on December 15, 2014, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2014 to 216.1 cents per pound, up 1 percent from 214.1 cents per pound in 2013. 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 2013 crop reflect honey sold in 2013 and 2014. Some 2013 crop honey was sold in 2014, which caused some revisions to the 2013 crop prices.

Honey: Production and value, Michigan, 2010-2014 ¹

Year	Honey producing colonies	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production	Stocks Dec. 15 ²
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
2010	71	58	4,118	167	6,877	1,524
2011	74	64	4,736	181	8,572	2,084
2012	73	57	4,161	203	8,447	1,332
2013	85	55	4,675	216	10,098	982
2014	91	63	5,733	250	14,333	1,835

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.