



News Release

Michigan Honey Production Up 3 Percent

Michigan honey production for 2018 totaled 4.05 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2017. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Michigan ranked eighth in honey production in 2018, up one from 2017. Yields from Michigan's 92,000 honey producing colonies averaged 44 pounds in 2018, down 1 from the previous year.

The Michigan honey price averaged \$2.37 per pound, down 5 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$9.6 million, up 1 percent from 2017. Honey stocks were 729 thousand pounds, down 11 percent from 2017.

Nationally, honey production in 2018 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 152 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2017. There were 2.80 million colonies producing honey in 2018, up 4 percent from 2017. Yield per colony averaged 54.4 pounds, down 2 percent from the 55.5 pounds in 2017. 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 29.1 million pounds on December 15, 2018, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices decreased 2 percent during 2018 to 216.6 cents per pound, compared to 219.9 cents per pound in 2017. 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 2017 crop reflect honey sold in 2017 and 2018. Some 2017 crop honey was sold in 2018, which caused some revisions to the 2017 crop prices.

Honey: Production and Value, Michigan, 2014-2018 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>
2014	91	63	5,733	249	14,275	1,835
2015	90	58	5,220	244	12,737	1,984
2016	89	60	5,340	237	12,656	1,709
2017	87	45	3,915	242	9,474	822
2018	92	44	4,048	237	9,594	729

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.