



News Release

Michigan Honey Production Up 10 Percent

Michigan honey production for 2019 totaled 4.70 million pounds, up 10 percent from 2018. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Michigan ranked eighth in honey production in 2019. Yields from Michigan's 94,000 honey producing colonies averaged 50 pounds in 2019, up 6 from the previous year.

The Michigan honey price averaged \$2.36 per pound, down 13 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$11.1 million, up 4 percent from 2018. Honey stocks were 1.36 million pounds, up 77 percent from 2018.

Nationally, honey production in 2019 totaled 157 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2018. There were 2.81 million colonies producing honey in 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. Yield per colony averaged 55.8 pounds, up 2 percent from the 54.5 pounds in 2018. 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 41.0 million pounds on December 15, 2019, up 40 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices decreased 11 percent during 2019 to \$1.97 per pound, compared to \$2.21 per pound in 2018. 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 2018 crop reflect honey sold in 2018 and 2019. Some 2018 crop honey was sold in 2019, which caused some revisions to the 2018 crop prices.

Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value-Michigan and United States: 2015-2019 ¹

Year	Honey producing colonies	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production	Stocks Dec. 15 ²
	(Thousands)	(Pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(Cents)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 pounds)
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	97	44	4,268	249	10,627	768
2019	94	50	4,700	236	11,092	1,363

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.