



News Release

Michigan Honey Production

Michigan honey production for 2023 totaled 3.85 million pounds, up 15 percent from 2022. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Michigan ranked eighth in honey production in 2023. Yields from Michigan’s 70,000 honey producing colonies averaged 55 pounds in 2023, up 14 pounds per colony from the previous year.

The Michigan honey price averaged \$2.84 per pound, down 20 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$10.9 million, up 7 percent from 2022. Honey stocks were 924 thousand pounds, up 31 percent from 2022.

Nationally, honey production in 2023 totaled 139 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2022. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2023, down 6 percent from 2022. Yield per colony averaged 55.2 pounds, up 17 percent from 2022. 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 44.0 million pounds on December 15, 2023, up 90 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices decreased 16 percent during 2023 to \$2.52 per pound, compared to \$3.01 per pound in 2022. 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 2022 crop reflect honey sold in 2022 and 2023. Some 2022 crop honey was sold in 2023, which caused some revisions to the 2022 crop prices.

Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Michigan: 2019 - 2023 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) | (Dollars) | (1,000 dollars) | (1,000 pounds) |
| 2019 | 94 | 50 | 4,700 | 2.56 | 12,032 | 1,363 |
| 2020 | 95 | 47 | 4,465 | 2.95 | 13,172 | 1,384 |
| 2021 | 100 | 51 | 5,100 | 3.00 | 15,300 | 1,938 |
| 2022 | 82 | 41 | 3,362 | 3.04 | 10,220 | 706 |
| 2023 | 70 | 55 | 3,850 | 2.84 | 10,934 | 924 |

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.