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Michigan Honey Production

Michigan honey production for 2024 totaled 5.00 million pounds, up 30 percent from 2023, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director, USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Michigan's 82,000 honey producing colonies averaged 61 pounds in 2024, up 6 pounds from the previous year. Michigan honey price averaged \$3.04 per pound, down \$0.06 from last year. Value of production totaled \$15.2 million, up 27 percent from 2023. Honey stocks totaled 850 thousand pounds, down 8 percent from 2023.

Nationally, honey production in 2024 totaled 134 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2023. There were 2.60 million colonies producing honey in 2024, up 3 percent from 2023. Yield per colony averaged 51.7 pounds, down 6 percent from 2023. 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 43.4 million pounds on December 15, 2024, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices increased 5 percent during 2024 to \$2.69 per pound, compared to \$2.55 per pound in 2023. 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 2023 crop reflect honey sold in 2023 and 2024. Some 2023 crop honey was sold in 2024, which caused some revisions to the 2023 crop prices.

Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Michigan: 2020 - 2024 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)
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	3.10	11,935	924
2024	82	61	5,002	3.04	15,206	850

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.