



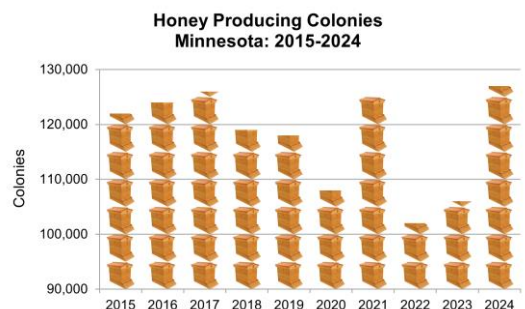
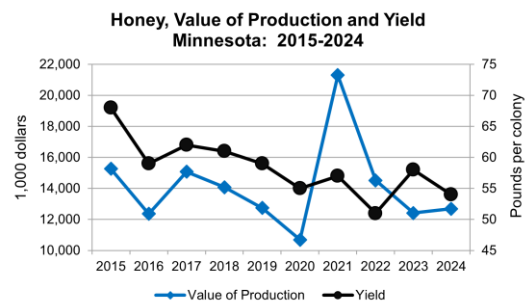
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Honey production from producers with five or more colonies in Minnesota totaled 6.86 million pounds in 2024 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Honey* report. This was 12 percent higher than the 6.15 million pounds produced in 2023. The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 127,000, was up 21,000 from 2023. This number does not include producers with fewer than five colonies or producers who did not harvest honey. Yield per colony in Minnesota averaged 54 pounds, compared to 58 pounds per colony in 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.

On December 15, 2024, producer honey stocks in Minnesota, excluding stocks under government loan programs, were 3.36 million pounds, 290 percent higher than 2023. The state's 2024 honey crop was valued at \$12.7 million, up 2 percent from the previous year's \$12.4 million. The average price per pound for all marketing channels in Minnesota was \$1.85, down 17 cents from 2023.



Honey - Selected States and United States: 2023 and 2024

Crop	Producing Colonies ¹		Yield		Production		Honey Stocks Dec 15 ²		Average Price per Pound ³		Value of Production ⁴	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(cents)	(cents)	(1,000) (dollars)	(1,000) (dollars)
California	325	310	42	43	13,650	13,330	5,051	3,466	2.29	2.46	31,259	32,792
Florida	147	124	32	33	4,704	4,092	706	532	3.00	2.80	14,112	11,458
Georgia	77	64	33	29	2,541	1,856	152	204	3.45	3.36	8,766	6,236
Idaho	92	114	32	22	2,944	2,508	442	351	1.84	2.06	5,417	5,166
Iowa	40	41	66	67	2,640	2,747	739	577	3.05	3.81	8,052	10,466
Louisiana	51	68	45	50	2,295	3,400	161	1,156	3.88	2.67	8,905	9,078
Michigan	70	82	55	61	3,850	5,002	924	850	3.10	3.04	11,935	15,206
Minnesota	106	127	58	54	6,148	6,858	861	3,360	2.02	1.85	12,419	12,687
Montana	114	142	85	71	9,690	10,082	3,392	2,521	2.01	2.06	19,477	20,769
New York	41	52	58	53	2,378	2,756	761	965	4.63	5.88	11,010	16,205
North Dakota	510	490	75	74	38,250	36,260	9,180	10,515	1.78	1.86	68,085	67,444
South Dakota	210	250	87	53	18,270	13,250	12,424	8,745	1.95	2.84	35,627	37,630
Texas	111	89	35	46	3,885	4,094	505	2,252	3.18	2.24	12,354	9,171
Wisconsin	62	57	45	44	2,790	2,508	1,004	1,104	3.49	3.53	9,737	8,853
United States^{5,6}	2,532	2,597	55.1	51.7	139,471	134,393	44,072	43,394	2.55	2.69	355,651	361,517

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the year.
² Stocks held by producers.
³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.
⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.
⁵ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.
⁶ United States value of production will not equal summation of states.

UNITED STATES HONEY

United States 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.

The average prices paid in 2024 for honey bee queens, packages, and nucs were \$18, \$89, and \$109, respectively. Pollination income for 2024 was \$226 million, down 11 percent from 2023. Other income from honey bees in 2024 was \$51.3 million, down 11 percent from 2023.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.