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## USDA to conduct bee and honey production, disposition, and income

**HARRISBURG, PA** -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact beekeepers during the bee and honey production, disposition, and income Inquiry to gather information on colony numbers, honey production, stocks, and sales. The information helps evaluate conditions from year to year, and promote programs designed to ensure the viability of beekeepers and agricultural pollination services. NASS will conduct the survey in January and February 2023, collecting data from more than 8,500 beekeepers nationwide.

"The survey results provide a statistical benchmark on U.S. honey production and value," said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. "The information will allow the USDA, beekeepers, and any other interested parties to analyze data on a state-by-state basis and monitor changes in honey production and value."

To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS will contact producers who do not respond online or by mail to conduct telephone interviews. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Results of this survey are published annually in the *Honey* report, which will be available on March 17, 2023. This and all other NASS reports are available online at [nass.usda.gov/Publications/](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications/). For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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