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NORTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

FARGO, ND, March 22, 2016 -- Honey production in 2015 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 36.3 million pounds, down from 42.1 million pounds in 2014, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the twelfth consecutive year.

There were 490,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2015, equal to 2014. Average yield was 74 pounds per colony, down 14 percent from 2014. Producer stocks were 9.43 million pounds on December 15, 2015 up from 9.27 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2015 crop averaged 180 cents per pound, down from 199 cents in 2014. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2015 was 65.3 million dollars, down 22 percent from 2014.

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