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NORTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

FARGO, ND, March 21, 2014 -- Honey production in 2013 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 33.1 million pounds, unchanged from 2012, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the tenth consecutive year.

There were 480,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2013, unchanged from 2012. Yield per colony was 69 pounds per colony, unchanged from 2012. Producer stocks were 6.96 million pounds on December 15, 2013 up from 5.96 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2013 crop averaged 204 cents per pound, up from 192 cents in 2012. This is the highest price on record. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2013 was 67.6 million dollars, up 6 percent from 2012.

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