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NORTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

FARGO, N.D. March 14, 2018 - Honey production in 2017 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 33.7 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the fourteenth consecutive year.

There were 455,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2017, down 6 percent from 2016. Average yield was 74 pounds per colony, down 4 pounds from 2016. Producer stocks were 4.38 million pounds on December 15, 2017, down from 6.81 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2017 crop averaged 189 cents per pound, up from 185 cents in 2016. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2017 was \$63.6 million, down 9 percent from 2016.

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