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## NORTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

**FARGO, N.D. May 16, 2019** - Honey production in 2018 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 38.2 million pounds, up 13 percent from 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the fifteenth consecutive year.

There were 530,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2018, up 16 percent from 2017. Average yield was 72 pounds per colony, down 2 pounds from 2017. Producer stocks were 4.58 million pounds on December 15, 2018 up from 4.38 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2018 crop averaged 188 cents per pound, down from 191 cents in 2017. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2018 was \$71.7 million, up 12 percent from 2017.

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