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NORTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

FARGO, N.D. March 19, 2020 - Honey production in 2019 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 33.8 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the sixteenth consecutive year.

There were 520,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2019, down 5 percent from 2018. Average yield was 65 pounds per colony, down 7 pounds from 2018. Producer stocks were 6.42 million pounds on December 15, 2019 up from 4.75 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2019 crop averaged \$1.40 per pound, down from \$1.87 per pound in 2018. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2019 was \$47.3 million, down 36 percent from 2018.

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