



# News Release

## Ohio Honey Production Down 8 Percent

Ohio honey production for 2017 totaled 1.10 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2016. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio's 15,000 honey producing colonies averaged 73 pounds in 2017, compared with 79 pounds the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.12 per pound, down 81 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$3.42 million, down 27 percent from 2016. Honey stocks were 657 thousand pounds, down 1 percent from 2016.

Nationally, honey production in 2017 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2016. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2017, down 4 percent from 2016. Yield per colony averaged 55.3 pounds, down 5 percent from the 58.3 pounds in 2016. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 30.6 million pounds on December 15, 2017, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased 2 percent during 2017 to 215.6 cents per pound, compared to 211.9 cents per pound in 2016. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2016 crop reflect honey sold in 2016 and 2017. Some 2016 crop honey was sold in 2017, which caused some revisions to the 2016 crop prices.

### Honey: Production and Value, Ohio, 2013-2017 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Honey producing colonies	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production	Stocks Dec. 15 <sup>2</sup>
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
2013	17	45	765	329	2,517	390
2014	15	61	915	358	3,276	256
2015	17	50	850	360	3,060	357
2016	15	79	1,185	393	4,657	664
2017	15	73	1,095	312	3,416	657

<sup>1</sup> Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

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