



# News Release

## Ohio Honey Production Down 2 Percent

Ohio honey production for 2019 totaled 1.01 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2018. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio's 15,000 honey producing colonies averaged 67 pounds in 2019, down 6 pounds from the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.42 per pound, down 30 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$3.44 million, down 10 percent from 2018. Honey stocks were 442 thousand pounds, down 10 percent from 2018.

Nationally, honey production in 2019 totaled 157 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2018. There were 2.81 million colonies producing honey in 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. Yield per colony averaged 55.8 pounds, up 2 percent from the 54.5 pounds in 2018. 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 41.0 million pounds on December 15, 2019, up 40 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices decreased 11 percent during 2019 to \$1.97 per pound, compared to \$2.21 per pound in 2018. 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 2018 crop reflect honey sold in 2018 and 2019. Some 2018 crop honey was sold in 2019, which caused some revisions to the 2018 crop prices.

### Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value-Ohio and United States: 2015-2019 <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>
2015 .....	17	50	850	360	3,060	357
2016 .....	15	79	1,185	393	4,657	664
2017 .....	15	73	1,095	324	3,548	657
2018 .....	14	73	1,022	372	3,802	491
2019 .....	15	67	1,005	342	3,437	442

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

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

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