



# News Release

## Ohio Honey Production Up 19 Percent

Ohio honey production for 2020 totaled 1.20 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2019. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio's 16,000 honey producing colonies averaged 75 pounds in 2020, up 8 pounds from the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.85 per pound, up 39 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$4.62 million, up 33 percent from 2019. Honey stocks totaled 576 thousand pounds, up 30 percent from 2019.

Nationally, honey production in 2020 totaled 148 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2019. There were 2.71 million colonies producing honey in 2020, down 4 percent from 2019. Yield per colony averaged 54.5 pounds, down 2 percent from the 55.8 pounds in 2019. 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 39.7 million pounds on December 15, 2020, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices increased 2 percent during 2020 to \$2.03 per pound, compared to \$1.99 per pound in 2019. 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 2019 crop reflect honey sold in 2019 and 2020. Some 2019 crop honey was sold in 2020, which caused some revisions to the 2019 crop prices.

### Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Ohio: 2016 - 2020 <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>
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	346	3,477	442
2020 .....	16	75	1,200	385	4,620	576

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

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

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