



News Release

Ohio Honey Production

Ohio honey production for 2023 totaled 1.30 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2022. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio’s 20,000 honey producing colonies averaged 65 pounds in 2023, down 1 pound from the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$5.23 per pound, up \$1.71 per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$6.80 million, up 54 percent from 2022. Honey stocks totaled 546 thousand pounds, up 18 percent from 2022.

Nationally, honey production in 2023 totaled 139 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2022. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2023, down 6 percent from 2022. Yield per colony averaged 55.2 pounds, up 17 percent from 2022. 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 44.0 million pounds on December 15, 2023, up 90 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices decreased 16 percent during 2023 to \$2.52 per pound, compared to \$3.01 per pound in 2022. 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 2022 crop reflect honey sold in 2022 and 2023. Some 2022 crop honey was sold in 2023, which caused some revisions to the 2022 crop prices.

Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Ohio: 2019 - 2023 ¹

Year	Honey producing colonies	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production	Stocks Dec. 15 ²
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
2019	15	67	1,005	3.46	3,477	442
2020	16	75	1,200	3.50	4,200	576
2021	16	64	1,024	3.64	3,727	389
2022	19	66	1,254	3.52	4,414	464
2023	20	65	1,300	5.23	6,799	546

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.

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