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**United States Honey Production Up 3 Percent**

United States honey production in 2016 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 162 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2015. There were 2.78 million colonies from which honey was harvested in 2016, up 4 percent from 2015. Yield of honey harvested per colony averaged 58.3 pounds, down 1 percent from the 58.9 pounds in 2015. Producer honey stocks were 41.3 million pounds on December 15, 2016, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

**Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — States and United States: 2015 and 2016**

[Producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each state.]

State	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup>		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>		Average price per pound <sup>3</sup>		Value of production <sup>4</sup>	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(cents)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Alabama.....	7	7	47	52	329	364	13	33	383	337	1,260	1,227
Florida.....	220	215	54	50	11,880	10,750	832	538	197	244	23,404	26,230
Georgia.....	69	96	40	39	2,760	3,744	221	899	243	269	6,707	10,071
South Carolina .....	14	16	67	45	938	720	38	36	410	450	3,846	3,240
United States <sup>5</sup> ....	2,660	2,775	58.9	58.3	156,544	161,882	42,203	41,253	208.3	207.5	326,081	335,905

<sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

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

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

<sup>5</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

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**Florida Honey Production and Yield: 2007 - 2016**

Million pounds

Pounds per colony

