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United States Honey Production Up 2 Percent

United States 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. 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.

Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — States and United States: 2018 and 2019

[Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each state.]

State	Honey producing colonies ¹		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks December 15 ²		Average price per pound ³		Value of production ⁴	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Alabama	6	7	45	42	270	294	14	44	3.72	3.20	1,004	941
Florida	215	205	49	45	10,535	9,225	737	830	2.40	2.48	25,284	22,878
Georgia.....	98	102	34	33	3,332	3,366	200	370	2.76	2.61	9,196	8,785
South Carolina....	16	16	48	47	768	752	15	45	3.17	5.01	2,435	3,768
United States ⁵ ...	2,828	2,812	54.5	55.8	154,008	156,922	29,303	41,022	2.21	1.97	340,358	309,136

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

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

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Honey](#), March 2020

Florida Honey Production and Yield: 2010-2019

Million pounds

Pounds per colony

