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# Southern Region News Release Honey



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#### **United States Honey Production Down 1 Percent**

United States honey production in 2022 totaled 125 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 47.0 pounds, unchanged from 2021. Producer honey stocks were 23.3 million pounds on December 15, 2022, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

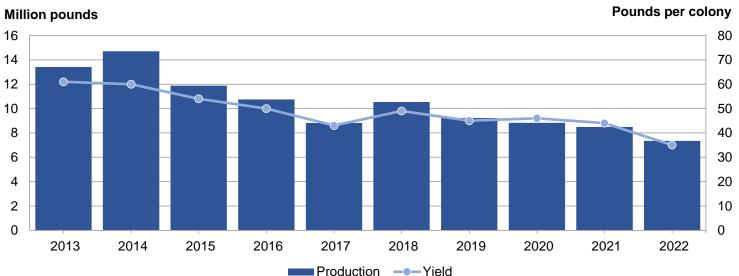
#### Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - States and United States: 2021 and 2022

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

| State           | Honey<br>producing<br>colonies <sup>1</sup> |         | Yield<br>per<br>colony |          | Production        |                   | Stocks<br>December 15 <sup>2</sup> |                   | Average<br>price per<br>pound <sup>3</sup> |           | Value<br>of<br>production <sup>4</sup> |           |
|-----------------|---|---------|------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------|--|-----------|
|                 | 2021  | 2022    | 2021                   | 2022     | 2021              | 2022              | 2021                               | 2022              | 2021                                       | 2022      | 2021                                   | 2022      |
|                 | (1,000)                                     | (1,000) | (pounds)               | (pounds) | (1,000<br>pounds) | (1,000<br>pounds) | (1,000<br>pounds)                  | (1,000<br>pounds) | (dollars)                                  | (dollars) | (\$1,000)                              | (\$1,000) |
| Alabama         | 8   | 10      | 40                     | 40       | 320               | 400               | 112                                | 84                | 5.22                                       | 4.85      | 1,670                                  | 1,940     |
| Florida         | 193   | 210     | 44                     | 35       | 8,492             | 7,350             | 849                                | 368               | 2.58                                       | 3.25      | 21,909                                 | 23,888    |
| Georgia         | 96  | 103     | 34                     | 32       | 3,264             | 3,296             | 261                                | 99                | 2.72                                       | 3.07      | 8,878                                  | 10,119    |
| South Carolina  | 15  | 13      | 42                     | 39       | 630               | 507               | 63                                 | 91                | 5.93                                       | 5.78      | 3,736                                  | 2,930     |
| United States 5 | 2,697                                       | 2,667   | 47.0                   | 47.0     | 126,744           | 125,331           | 23,532                             | 23,309            | 2.65                                       | 2.96      | 335,872                                | 370,980   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

### Honey Production and Yield - Florida: 2013-2022



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Honey*, March 2023