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## ***SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION UP FROM 2007***

**SIoux FALLS, March 2, 2009** – South Dakota's 2008 honey production totaled 21.38 million pounds, up 61 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota honey production ranked second in the nation, behind North Dakota, in 2008.

The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 225,000, was down 30,000 colonies from 2007. Honey production per colony, at 95 pounds, was up 43 pounds from 2007. Over the previous five years, the state has averaged 226,000 colonies producing an average of 70.6 pounds of honey per colony.

The price received by producers increased 31 percent in 2008, from \$1.02 per pound to \$1.34 per pound. The 2008 value of production, at \$28.64 million, is up 112 percent from \$13.53 million in 2007.

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