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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2008

SIoux FALLS, February 26, 2010 – South Dakota's 2009 honey production totaled 17.82 million pounds, down 17 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 2009.

The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 270,000, was up 45,000 colonies from 2008. Honey production per colony, at 66 pounds, was down 29 pounds from 2008. Over the previous five years, the state has averaged 228,000 colonies producing an average of 75.6 pounds of honey per colony.

The price received by producers increased 4 percent in 2009, from \$1.34 per pound to \$1.39 per pound. The 2009 value of production, at \$24.77 million, is down 14 percent from \$28.64 million in 2008.

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