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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2009

SIoux FALLS, February 25, 2011 – South Dakota's 2010 honey production totaled 15.64 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota honey production ranked third in the nation, behind North Dakota and California, respectively, in 2010.

The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 265,000, was down 5,000 colonies from 2009. Honey production per colony, at 59 pounds, was down 7 pounds from 2009. Over the previous five years, the state has averaged 239,000 colonies producing an average of 67.8 pounds of honey per colony.

The price received by producers increased 8 percent in 2010, from \$1.42 per pound in 2009 to \$1.54 per pound. The 2010 value of production, at \$24.08 million, is down 5 percent from \$25.30 million in 2009.

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