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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION UP FROM 2010

SIoux FALLS, April 2, 2012 – South Dakota’s 2011 honey production totaled 16.50 million pounds, up 7 percent from 2010, 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 2011.

The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 250,000, was down 15,000 colonies from 2010. Honey production per colony, at 66 pounds, was up 8 pounds from 2010. Over the previous five years, the state has averaged 253,000 colonies producing an average of 67.4 pounds of honey per colony.

The price received by producers increased 9 percent in 2011, from \$1.51 per pound in 2010 to \$1.65 per pound. The 2011 value of production, at \$27.23 million, is up 17 percent from \$23.21 million in 2010.

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