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## **SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION**

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 22, 2016 -- Honey production in 2015 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 19.1 million pounds, down 21 percent from 2014, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked second in the nation for honey production, behind North Dakota.

There were 290,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2015, up 4 percent from 2014. Average yield was 66 pounds per colony, down from 87 pounds per colony in 2014. Producer stocks were 9.38 million pounds on December 15, 2015 up from 5.85 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2015 crop averaged 179 cents per pound, down from 208 cents in 2014. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2015 was 34.3 million dollars, down 32 percent from 2014.

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