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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

SIoux FALLS, S.D. March 14, 2018 - Honey production in 2017 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 14.5 million pounds, down 27 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked second in the nation for honey production, behind North Dakota.

There were 255,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2017, down 9 percent from 2016. Average yield was 57 pounds per colony, down 14 pounds from 2016. Producer stocks were 6.54 million pounds on December 15, 2017, down from 12.1 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2017 crop averaged 191 cents per pound, up from 176 cents in 2016. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2017 was \$27.8 million, down 21 percent from 2016.

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