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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

SIoux FALLS, S.D. May 16, 2019 - Honey production in 2018 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 12.0 million pounds, down 18 percent from 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked fourth in the nation for honey production.

There were 255,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2018, unchanged from 2017. Average yield was 47 pounds per colony, down 10 pounds from 2017. Producer stocks were 5.15 million pounds on December 15, 2018 down from 6.54 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2018 crop averaged 198 cents per pound, down from 207 cents in 2017. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2018 was \$23.7 million, down 21 percent from 2017.

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