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### Northwest Region Honey Production Up 1 Percent from 2013

Idaho honey production totaled 2.66 million pounds in 2013, down 10 percent from 2012. There were 83,000 colonies producing honey in Idaho, down 10 percent from the previous year. The average yield per colony was 32 pounds, unchanged from 2012. Producer held stocks on December 15, 2013 were estimated at 1.04 million pounds, up 95 percent from the previous December. Honey production in Oregon was estimated at 2.17 million pounds, up 13 percent from 2012. Oregon had 62,000 colonies of bees, up 3 percent from 2012. Average yield per colony was estimated at 35 pounds, up 3 pounds from the previous year. Stocks on December 15, 2013 totaled 456,000 pounds, down 46 percent from December 2012. Washington honey production, in 2013, totaled 2.69 million pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. There were 69,000 colonies, up 11 percent from 2012. The average yield per colony was 39 pounds, down 2 pounds from the previous year. Stocks held by producers were 1.02 million pounds on December 15, 2013, up 1 percent from 2012. United States total honey production for 2013 was estimated at 149 million pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. There were an estimated 2.64 million colonies, up 4 percent from 2012. The national average yield per colony was 56.6 pounds, up less than one pound from the previous year. Honey stocks held by all producers on December 15, 2013 were 38.2 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2012. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

### Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2012 and 2013

[Producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup>	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average price per pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of production <sup>4</sup>
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Idaho						
2012 .....	92	32	2,944	530	163	4,799
2013 .....	83	32	2,656	1,036	201	5,339
Oregon						
2012 .....	60	32	1,920	845	216	4,147
2013 .....	62	35	2,170	456	229	4,969
Washington						
2012 .....	62	41	2,542	1,017	238	6,050
2013 .....	69	39	2,691	1,023	221	5,947
United States						
2012 .....	2,539	56.0	142,296	31,829	199.2	283,454
2013 .....	2,640	56.6	149,499	38,160	212.1	317,087

<sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

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