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Pounds per colony

United States Honey Production Down 6 Percent

United States honey production in 2020 totaled 148 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2019. There were 2.71 million colonies producing honey in 2020, down 4 percent from 2019. Yield per colony averaged 54.5 pounds, down 2 percent from the 55.8 pounds in 2019. Producer honey stocks were 39.7 million pounds on December 15, 2020, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

[Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each state.]

State	Honey producing colonies ¹		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks December 15 ²		Average price per pound ³		Value of production ⁴	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Alabama	7	7	42	39	294	273	44	66	3.38	5.43	994	1,482
Florida	205	192	45	46	9,225	8,832	830	883	2.46	2.28	22,694	20,137
Georgia	102	101	33	34	3,366	3,434	370	412	2.67	2.36	8,987	8,104
South Carolina	16	16	47	46	752	736	45	66	5.03	3.28	3,783	2,414
United States ^₅	2,812	2,706	55.8	54.5	156,922	147,594	40,861	39,715	1.99	2.03	312,275	299,616

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁵ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Honey, March 2021

Honey Production and Yield - Florida: 2011-2020

Million pounds

