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This report contains the results from the **December 2021 Bee and Honey Inquiry**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

2021 Arkansas Honey Production Down 13 Percent

Honey production during 2021 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 850,000 pounds, down 13 percent from 2020. There were 17,000 honey producing colonies in 2021, down 3,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 50 pounds of honey, up 2 percent from 2020. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2021, were 255,000 pounds, up 45 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey increased from \$1.85 per pound in 2020 to \$2.07 per pound in 2021. The total value of honey production totaled \$1.76 million, down 3 percent from the previous year.

Number of Honey Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value of Production - Arkansas and United States: 2020 and 2021

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

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2020 ¹	2021	Percent of previous year	2020 ¹	2021	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies ²	1,000 colonies	20.00	17.00	85	2,706.00	2,696.00	100
Yield per colony	pounds	49.00	50.00	102	54.50	46.90	86
Production	1,000 pounds	980.00	850.00	87	147,594.00	126,466.00	86
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 pounds	176.00	255.00	145	39,715.00	23,527.00	59
Average price per pound ⁴	dollars	1.85	2.07	112	2.10	2.54	121
Value of production ⁵	1,000 dollars	1,813.00	1,760.00	97	309,947.00	321,224.00	104

¹ Revised.

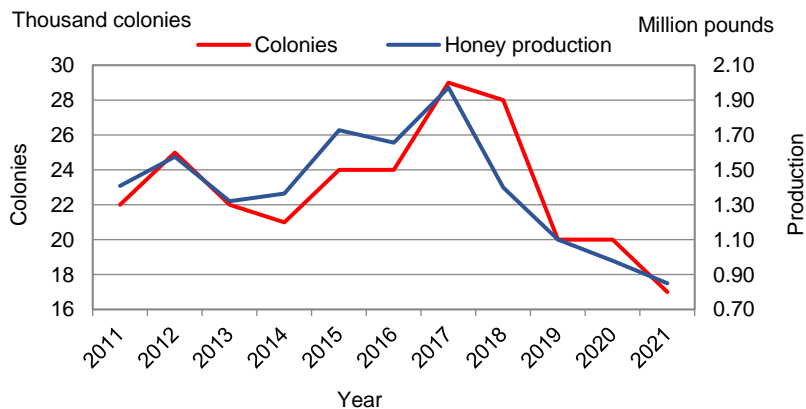
² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

**Honey Producing Colonies and Production
Arkansas: 2011 - 2021**



Honey Price by Color Class - United States: 2020 and 2021

Color class	Average price per pound by marketing channel					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
All honey	1.84	2.30	5.23	5.04	2.10	2.54
Water white, extra white, white	1.73	2.22	4.18	5.35	1.81	2.30
Extra light amber	1.81	2.24	4.67	3.80	1.93	2.35
Light amber, amber, dark amber	2.00	2.42	5.51	5.51	2.53	2.85
All other honey, area specialties	2.39	2.55	7.23	6.71	3.00	3.56

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