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This report contains the results from the **December 2024 Bee and Honey Inquiry**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

2024 Louisiana Honey Production Up 48 Percent

Honey production during 2024 from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies totaled 3.40 million pounds, up 48 percent from 2023. There were 68,000 honey producing colonies in 2024, up 17,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 50 pounds of honey, up 11 percent from 2023. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2024, were 1,156,000 pounds, up 618 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey decreased from \$3.88 per pound in 2023 to \$2.67 per pound in 2024. The total value of honey production totaled \$9.08 million, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Number of Honey Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value of Production - Louisiana and United States: 2023 and 2024

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

Item	Unit	Louisiana			United States		
		2023 ¹	2024	Percent of previous year	2023 ¹	2024	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies ²	1,000 colonies	51.00	68.00	133	2,532.00	2,597.00	103
Yield per colony	pounds	45.00	50.00	111	55.10	51.70	94
Production	1,000 pounds	2,295.00	3,400.00	148	139,471.00	134,393.00	96
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 pounds	161.00	1,156.00	718	44,072.00	43,394.00	98
Average price per pound ⁴	dollars	3.88	2.67	69	2.55	2.69	105
Value of production ⁵	1,000 dollars	8,905.00	9,078.00	102	355,651.00	361,517.00	102

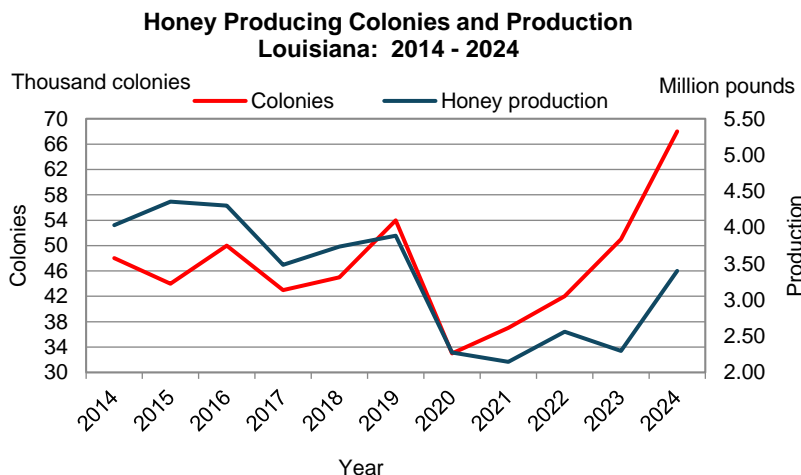
¹ Revised.

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 Price by Color Class - United States: 2023 and 2024

Color class	Average price per pound by marketing channel					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
All honey	2.24	2.27	6.24	5.74	2.55	2.69
Water white, extra white, white	2.04	2.12	5.24	5.32	2.12	2.26
Extra light amber	2.23	2.13	5.36	4.51	2.40	2.36
Light amber, amber, dark amber	2.62	2.50	6.56	6.22	3.28	3.20
All other honey, area specialties	3.10	3.49	8.72	7.84	4.58	4.77

Honey Price by Color Class
United States: 2014 - 2024

