



# Minnesota Ag News – Honey

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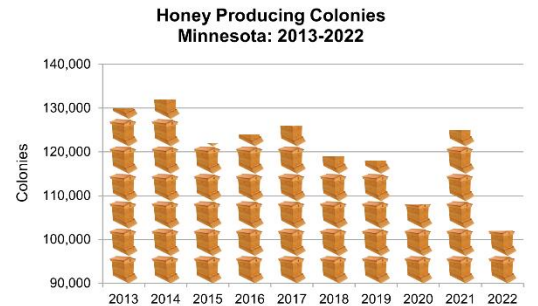
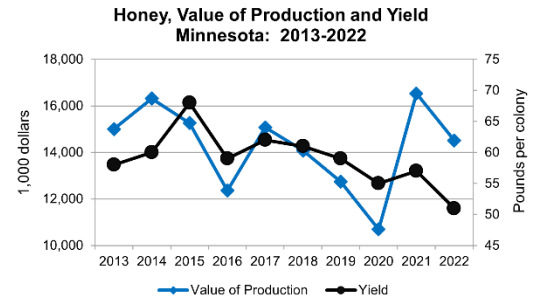
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Honey production from producers with five or more colonies in Minnesota totaled 5.20 million pounds in 2022 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Honey* report. This was 27 percent lower than the 7.13 million pounds produced in 2021. The number of honey producing colonies in the state, at 102,000, was down 23,000 from 2021. This number does not include producers with fewer than five colonies or producers who did not harvest honey. Yield per colony in Minnesota averaged 51 pounds, compared to 57 pounds per colony in 2021. Minnesota ranked 7th nationally in honey production, down from 6th place in 2021. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted.

On December 15, 2022, producer honey stocks in Minnesota, excluding stocks under government loan programs, were 728,000 pounds, 155 percent higher than 2021. The state's 2022 honey crop was valued at \$14.5 million, down 32 percent from the previous year's \$21.3 million. The average price per pound for all marketing channels in Minnesota was \$2.79, down 20 cents from 2021.



## Honey - Selected States and United States: 2021 and 2022

Crop	Producing Colonies <sup>1</sup>		Yield		Production		Honey Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2</sup>		Average Price per Pound <sup>3</sup>		Value of Production <sup>4</sup>	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(1,000) (lbs)	(cents)	(cents)	(1,000) (dollars)	(1,000) (dollars)
California .....	290	305	33	38	9,570	11,590	1,627	811	2.42	2.66	23,159	30,829
Florida .....	193	210	44	35	8,492	7,350	849	368	2.58	3.25	21,909	23,888
Georgia .....	96	103	34	32	3,264	3,296	261	99	2.72	3.07	8,878	10,119
Idaho .....	100	94	30	29	3,000	2,726	270	627	2.32	2.66	6,960	7,251
Iowa .....	38	48	55	51	2,090	2,448	502	710	2.45	2.81	5,121	6,879
Louisiana .....	37	42	58	61	2,146	2,562	172	487	2.49	2.47	5,344	6,328
Michigan .....	100	82	51	41	5,100	3,362	1,938	706	3.00	3.04	15,300	10,220
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>2.99</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>21,304</b>	<b>14,514</b>
Montana .....	117	123	57	61	6,669	7,503	1,934	2,176	2.19	2.64	14,605	19,808
New York .....	57	54	53	53	3,021	2,862	665	916	3.98	3.61	12,024	10,332
North Dakota .....	515	520	55	60	28,325	31,200	2,266	4,680	2.23	2.63	63,165	82,056
South Dakota .....	250	185	49	39	12,250	7,215	5,268	2,814	2.40	2.58	29,400	18,615
Texas .....	137	157	56	53	7,672	8,321	384	166	2.32	3.29	17,799	27,376
Wisconsin .....	42	53	47	55	1,974	2,915	750	816	3.09	3.04	6,100	8,862
<b>United States<sup>5 6</sup> .....</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>126,744</b>	<b>125,331</b>	<b>23,532</b>	<b>23,309</b>	<b>2.65</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>335,872</b>	<b>370,980</b>

<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 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.  
<sup>6</sup> United States value of production will not equal summation of states.

## UNITED STATES HONEY

United States honey production in 2022 totaled 125 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Yield per colony averaged 47.0 pounds, unchanged from 2021. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 23.3 million pounds on December 15, 2022, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices increased 12 percent during 2022 to \$2.96 per pound, compared to \$2.65 per pound in 2021. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2021 crop reflect honey sold in 2021 and 2022. Some 2021 crop honey was sold in 2022, which caused some revisions to the 2021 crop prices.

The average prices paid in 2022 for honey bee queens, packages, and nucs were \$22, \$98, and \$129, respectively. Pollination income for 2022 was \$241 million, down 11 percent from 2021. Other income from honey bees in 2022 was \$55.2 million, down 31 percent from 2021.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).