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This report contains the results from the **December 2022 Bee and Honey Inquiry**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ms> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

2022 Mississippi Honey Production Up 12 Percent

Honey production during 2022 from Mississippi producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.00 million pounds, up 12 percent from 2021. There were 21,000 honey producing colonies in 2022, down 4,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 95 pounds of honey, up 34 percent from 2021. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2022, were 60,000 pounds, down 15 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey increased from \$2.85 per pound in 2021 to \$3.13 per pound in 2022. The total value of honey production totaled \$6.24 million, up 23 percent from the previous year.

Number of Honey Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value of Production - Mississippi and United States: 2021 and 2022

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

Item	Unit	Mississippi			United States		
		2021 ¹	2022	Percent of previous year	2021 ¹	2022	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies ²	1,000 colonies	25.00	21.00	84	2,697.00	2,667.00	99
Yield per colony	pounds	71.00	95.00	134	47.00	47.00	100
Production	1,000 pounds	1,775.00	1,995.00	112	126,744.00	125,331.00	99
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 pounds	71.00	60.00	85	23,532.00	23,309.00	99
Average price per pound ⁴	dollars	2.85	3.13	110	2.65	2.96	112
Value of production ⁵	1,000 dollars	5,059.00	6,244.00	123	335,872.00	370,980.00	110

¹ Revised.

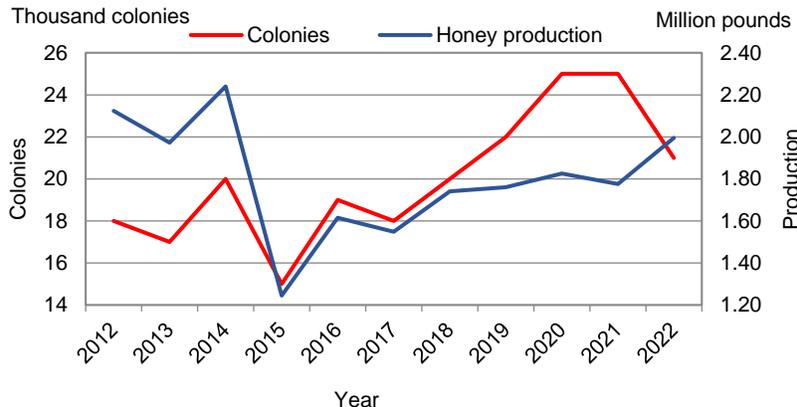
² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

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
Mississippi: 2012 - 2022



Honey Price by Color Class - United States: 2021 and 2022

Color class	Average price per pound by marketing channel					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
All honey	2.40	2.74	5.27	6.04	2.65	2.96
Water white, extra white, white	2.33	2.69	5.36	5.62	2.43	2.81
Extra light amber	2.34	2.65	4.15	5.62	2.47	2.75
Light amber, amber, dark amber	2.52	2.81	5.55	6.14	2.98	3.15
All other honey, area specialties	2.64	3.41	6.48	7.86	3.76	4.02

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