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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/ms> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

2024 Mississippi Honey Production Up 121 Percent

Honey production during 2024 from Mississippi producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.32 million pounds, up 121 percent from 2023. There were 29,000 honey producing colonies in 2024, up 4,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 80 pounds of honey, up 90 percent from 2023. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2024, were 278,000 pounds, down 42 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey increased from \$3.23 per pound in 2023 to \$3.47 per pound in 2024. The total value of honey production totaled \$8.05 million, up 137 percent from the previous year.

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

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

Item	Unit	Mississippi			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	25.00	29.00	116	2,532.00	2,597.00	103
Yield per colony	pounds	42.00	80.00	190	55.10	51.70	94
Production	1,000 pounds	1,050.00	2,320.00	221	139,471.00	134,393.00	96
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 pounds	483.00	278.00	58	44,072.00	43,394.00	98
Average price per pound ⁴	dollars	3.23	3.47	107	2.55	2.69	105
Value of production ⁵	1,000 dollars	3,392.00	8,050.00	237	355,651.00	361,517.00	102

¹ Revised.

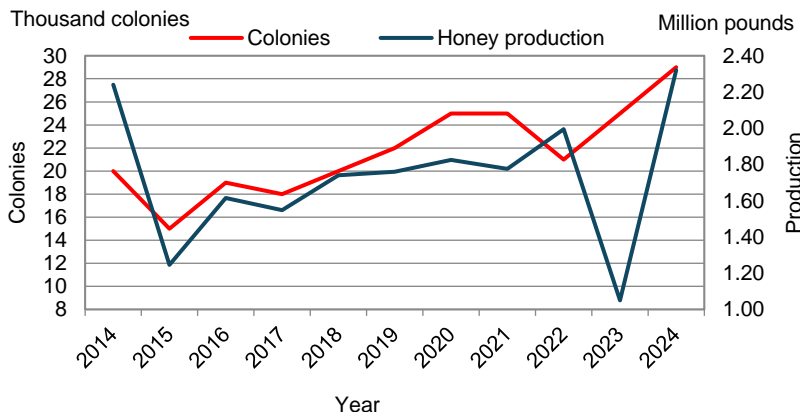
² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

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 Producing Colonies and Production Mississippi: 2014 - 2024



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

