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HONEY PRODUCTION

ARIZONA

Arizona honey production in 2021 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.04 million pounds, up 16 percent from 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 26,000 colonies producing honey in 2021, up 4 percent from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 40 pounds, up 11 percent from the 36 pounds in 2020. Producer honey stocks were 368,000 pounds on December 15, 2021, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Arizona honey prices decreased during 2021 to \$2.34 per pound, down 2 percent from \$2.38 per pound in 2020.

COLORADO

Colorado honey production in 2021 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.16 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 29,000 colonies producing honey in 2021, down 3 percent from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 40 pounds, down 2 percent from the 41 pounds in 2020. Producer honey stocks were 232,000 pounds on December 15, 2021, down 49 percent from a year earlier. Colorado honey prices increased during 2021 to \$2.78 per pound, up 16 percent from \$2.39 per pound in 2020.

MONTANA

Montana honey production in 2021 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 6.67 million pounds, down 25 percent from 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 117,000 colonies producing honey in 2021, up 6 percent from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 57 pounds, down 30 percent from the 81 pounds in 2020. Producer honey stocks were 1.93 million pounds on December 15, 2021, down 40 percent from a year earlier. Montana honey prices increased during 2021 to \$2.17 per pound, up 35 percent from \$1.61 per pound in 2020.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico bee and honey estimates were not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

UTAH

Utah honey production in 2021 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.02 million pounds, up 7 percent from 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 31,000 colonies producing honey in 2021, up 11 percent from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 33 pounds, down 3 percent from the 34 pounds in 2020. Producer honey stocks were 92,000 pounds on December 15, 2021, down 46 percent from a year earlier. Utah honey prices increased during 2021 to \$2.18 per pound, up 8 percent from \$2.02 per pound in 2020.

WYOMING

Wyoming honey production in 2021 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.20 million pounds, up 45 percent from 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 38,000 colonies producing honey in 2021, unchanged from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 58 pounds, up 45 percent from the 40 pounds in 2020. Producer honey stocks were 242,000 pounds on December 15, 2021, down 60 percent from a year earlier. Wyoming honey prices increased during 2021 to \$2.07 per pound, up 21 percent from \$1.71 per pound in 2020.

UNITED STATES

United States honey production in 2021 totaled 126 million pounds, down 14 percent from 2020. There were 2.70 million colonies producing honey in 2021, down slightly from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 46.9 pounds, down 14 percent from the 54.5 pounds in 2020. 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 23.5 million pounds on December 15, 2021, down 41 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices increased 21 percent during 2021 to \$2.54 per pound, compared to \$2.10 per pound in 2020. 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 2020 crop reflect honey sold in 2020 and 2021. Some 2020 crop honey was sold in 2021, which caused some revisions to the 2020 crop prices.

The average prices paid in 2021 for honey bee queens, packages, and nucs were \$20, \$91, and \$125 respectively. Pollination income for 2021 was \$269 million, up 6 percent from 2020. Other income from honey bees in 2021 was \$102 million, up 82 percent from 2020.

For a full copy of the *Honey* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact:

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