



News Release

Ohio Honey Production

Ohio honey production for 2021 totaled 1.02 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2020. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio's 16,000 honey producing colonies averaged 64 pounds in 2021, down 11 pounds from the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.70 per pound, up 20 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$3.79 million, down 10 percent from 2020. Honey stocks totaled 389 thousand pounds, down 32 percent from 2020.

Nationally, 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.

Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Ohio: 2017 - 2021 ¹

Year	Honey producing colonies	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production	Stocks Dec. 15 ²
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
2017	15	73	1,095	324	3,548	657
2018	14	73	1,022	372	3,802	491
2019	15	67	1,005	346	3,477	442
2020	16	75	1,200	350	4,200	576
2021	16	64	1,024	370	3,789	389

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.

Media Contact: Cheryl Turner · 614-728-2100

3001 Coolidge Rd., Suite 400 · East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 324-5300 · (517) 324-5299 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.