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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. March 14, 2025 - Honey production in 2024 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 13.3 million pounds, down 27% from 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked third in the nation for honey production.

There were 250,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2024, up 19% from 2023. Average yield was 53 pounds per colony, down 34 pounds from 2023. Producer stocks were 8.75 million pounds on December 15, 2024, down from 12.4 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2024 crop averaged \$2.84 per pound, up from \$1.95 per pound in 2023. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2024 was \$37.6 million, up 6% from 2023.

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