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This report contains the results from the **December 2023 Bee and Honey Inquiry**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

2023 Arkansas Honey Production Down 22 Percent

Honey production during 2023 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 874,000 pounds, down 22 percent from 2022. There were 19,000 honey producing colonies in 2023, down 1,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 46 pounds of honey, down 18 percent from 2022. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2023, were 131,000 pounds, down 69 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey increased from \$2.70 per pound in 2022 to \$3.20 per pound in 2023. The total value of honey production totaled \$2.80 million, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Number of Honey Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value of Production - Arkansas and United States: 2022 and 2023

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

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2022 ¹	2023	Percent of previous year	2022 ¹	2023	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies ²	1,000 colonies	20.00	19.00	95	2,667.00	2,509.00	94
Yield per colony	pounds	56.00	46.00	82	47.00	55.20	117
Production	1,000 pounds	1,120.00	874.00	78	125,331.00	138,571.00	111
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 pounds	426.00	131.00	31	23,181.00	44,016.00	190
Average price per pound ⁴	dollars	2.70	3.20	119	3.01	2.52	84
Value of production ⁵	1,000 dollars	3,024.00	2,797.00	92	377,246.00	349,199.00	93

¹ Revised.

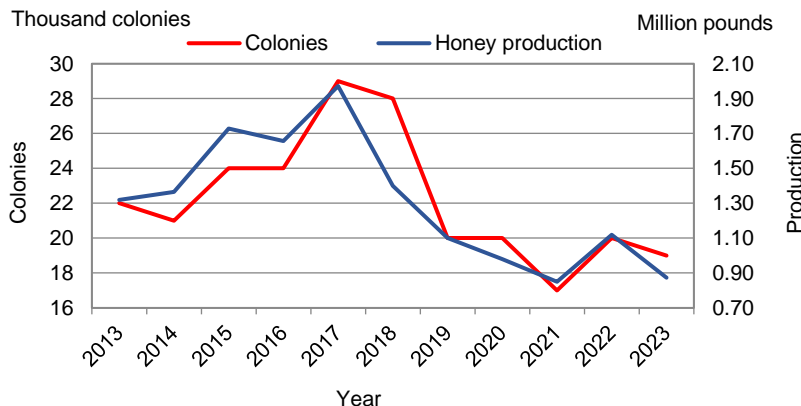
² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

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
Arkansas: 2013 - 2023**



Honey Price by Color Class - United States: 2022 and 2023

Color class	Average price per pound by marketing channel					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
All honey	2.77	2.23	6.02	6.55	3.01	2.52
Water white, extra white, white	2.70	1.99	5.57	5.87	2.81	2.09
Extra light amber	2.66	2.17	5.62	5.78	2.78	2.33
Light amber, amber, dark amber	2.87	2.63	6.09	6.78	3.23	3.20
All other honey, area specialties	3.41	3.08	7.91	8.51	4.16	4.30

Honey Price by Color Class United States: 2013 - 2023

