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USDA to conduct bee and honey production, disposition, and income

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact beekeepers during the Bee and Honey Production, Disposition, and Income Inquiry to gather information on colony numbers, honey production, stocks, and sales. The information helps evaluate conditions from year to year and promote programs designed to ensure the viability of beekeepers and agricultural pollination services. This survey occurs January and February of 2024, collecting data from more than 9,300 producers nationwide.

“The survey results provide a statistical benchmark on U.S. honey production and value,” said King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. “The information will allow the USDA, beekeepers, and any other interested parties to analyze data on a state-by-state basis and monitor changes in honey production and value.”

To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail or online to conduct telephone interviews. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Results of this survey are published annually in the *Honey* report, which will be available on March 18, 2024. This and all other NASS reports are available online at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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