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**United States Honey Production Up 11 Percent**

United States honey production in 2023 totaled 139 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2022. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2023, down 6 percent from 2022. Yield per colony averaged 55.2 pounds, up 17 percent from the 47.0 pounds in 2022. Producer honey stocks were 44.0 million pounds on December 15, 2023, up 90 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

**Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2022 and 2023**

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

State	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup>		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>		Average price per pound <sup>3</sup>		Value of production <sup>4</sup>	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Alabama .....	10	10	40	40	400	400	84	120	4.80	5.45	1,920	2,180
Florida .....	210	147	35	32	7,350	4,704	368	706	3.27	2.95	24,035	13,877
Georgia.....	103	77	32	33	3,296	2,541	99	152	3.08	3.43	10,152	8,716
South Carolina....	13	11	39	52	507	572	91	114	5.00	4.53	2,535	2,591
United States <sup>5</sup> ...	2,667	2,509	47.0	55.2	125,331	138,571	23,181	44,016	3.01	2.52	377,246	349,199

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

<sup>5</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

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**Honey Production and Yield – Florida: 2014-2023**

