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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

SIoux FALLS, S.D. March 17, 2023 - Honey production in 2022 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 7.22 million pounds, down 41% from 2021, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked sixth in the nation for honey production.

There were 185,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2022, down 26% from 2021. Average yield was 39 pounds per colony, down 10 pounds from 2021. Producer stocks were 2.81 million pounds on December 15, 2022, down from 5.27 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2022 crop averaged \$2.58 per pound, up from \$2.40 per pound in 2021. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2022 was \$18.6 million, down 37% from 2021.

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