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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

SIoux FALLS, S.D. March 15, 2024 - Honey production in 2023 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 18.4 million pounds, up 156% from 2022, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked second in the nation for honey production.

There were 212,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2023, up 15% from 2022. Average yield was 87 pounds per colony, up 48 pounds from 2022. Producer stocks were 12.5 million pounds on December 15, 2023, up from 2.81 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2023 crop averaged \$2.02 per pound, down from \$2.57 per pound in 2022. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2023 was \$37.3 million, up 101% from 2022.

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