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This report contains the results from the **December 2022 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.

2022 Arkansas Honey Production Up 32 Percent

Honey production during 2022 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.12 million pounds, up 32 percent from 2021. There were 20,000 honey producing colonies in 2022, up 3,000 colonies from previous year. Yield per colony averaged 56 pounds of honey, up 12 percent from 2021. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2022, were 426,000 pounds, up 67 percent from a year earlier. The average price for honey increased from \$2.12 per pound in 2021 to \$2.68 per pound in 2022. The total value of honey production totaled \$3.00 million, up 67 percent from the previous year.

Number of Honey Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value of Production - Arkansas and United States: 2021 and 2022

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

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2021 ¹	2022	Percent of previous year	2021 ¹	2022	Percent of previous year
		(number)	(number)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(percent)
Honey producing colonies ²	1,000 colonies	17.00	20.00	118	2,697.00	2,667.00	99
Yield per colony	pounds	50.00	56.00	112	47.00	47.00	100
Production	1,000 pounds	850.00	1,120.00	132	126,744.00	125,331.00	99
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 pounds	255.00	426.00	167	23,532.00	23,309.00	99
Average price per pound ⁴	dollars	2.12	2.68	126	2.65	2.96	112
Value of production ⁵	1,000 dollars	1,802.00	3,002.00	167	335,872.00	370,980.00	110

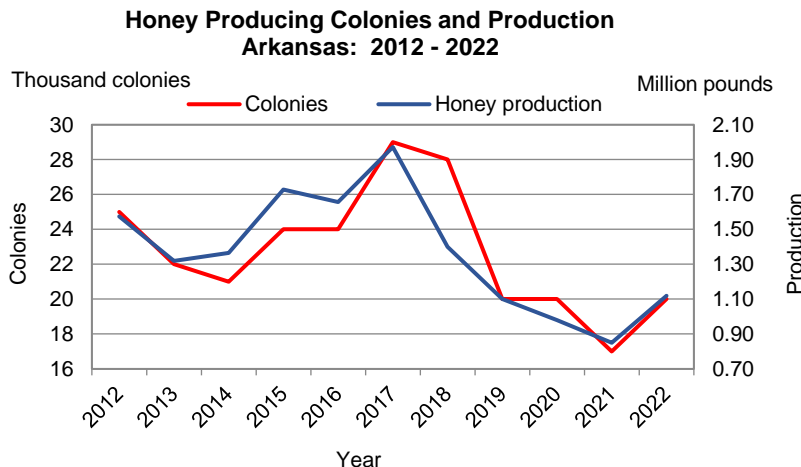
¹ Revised.

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 Price by Color Class - United States: 2021 and 2022

Color class	Average price per pound by marketing channel					
	Co-op and private		Retail		All	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)	(dollars per pound)
All honey	2.40	2.74	5.27	6.04	2.65	2.96
Water white, extra white, white	2.33	2.69	5.36	5.62	2.43	2.81
Extra light amber	2.34	2.65	4.15	5.62	2.47	2.75
Light amber, amber, dark amber	2.52	2.81	5.55	6.14	2.98	3.15
All other honey, area specialties	2.64	3.41	6.48	7.86	3.76	4.02

Honey Price by Color Class United States: 2012 - 2022

