

Honey bees are the only insects that produce a food consumed by humans. Honey is produced in one of the busiest yet most efficient factories in the world - a beehive.



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Honey bees are social insects. A colony of honey bees includes a queen, drones and workers.

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There is only one queen per beehive. She is the largest bee in the colony. The queen may live up to 5 years. She lays up to 2000 eggs per day.

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All workers are females, but they are not able to reproduce. A colony can have 50,000 to 60,000 workers. They collect nectar to make honey.

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Drones are male bees that have no stingers. If the colony is short on food, drones are often kicked out of the hive.

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Honey bees dance to communicate direction and distance of flowers.

A bee visits between 50 and 100 flowers during one collection flight from the hive.

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Bees have five eyes and four wings. Bees' wings stroke 11,400 times per minute, thus making their distinctive buzz.