

Honeybee facts

Honey has natural [preservatives](#) and bacteria can't grow in it.

The average bee will make only 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.

Honey bees must gather nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey. It requires 556 worker bees to gather a pound of honey.

One bee has to fly about 90,000 miles – three times around the globe – to make one pound of honey.

A honey bee visits 50 to 100 flowers during a collection trip. A honey bee can fly for up to six miles, and as fast as 15 miles per hour.

In their 6-8 week lifespan, a worker (field) bee will fly the equivalent distance of 1 ½ times the circumference of the Earth. Their most common cause of death is wearing their wings out.

A bee has an internal GPS inside it to tell it where it's hive is located. When the worker bees first come out in the morning, they circle around their hive to set their GPS. If you move a hive 3 feet from it's original position, the bees will get lost. That's how precise their GPS is. That is why you only move the bees at night when they are all home.

Honey comes in different colours and flavours. The flower where the nectar was gathered from determines the flavour and colour of the honey.

Honey was found in the tombs in Egypt and it was still edible! Bees have been here around 30 million years.