

Interesting Honey Facts

- To make one pound of honey, the bees in the colony must visit 2 million flowers, fly over 55,000 miles and will be the lifetime work of approximately 768 bees.
- A single honeybee will only produce approximately 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.
- A single honey bee will visit 50-100 flowers on a single trip out of the hive.
- Bees produce honey as food stores for the hive during the long months of winter when flowers aren't blooming and therefore little or no nectar is available to them.
- Honey is the ONLY food that includes all the substances necessary to sustain life, including water.
- A typical beehive can make up to 300 pounds of honey per year.
- Honey never spoils (as long as the water content is not too high).
- It would take about 1 ounce of honey to fuel a honeybee's flight around the world.
- Flowers and other blossoming plants have nectarines that produce sugary nectar. Worker bees suck up the nectar and water and store it in a special honey stomach. When the stomach is full the bee returns to the hive and puts the nectar in an empty honeycomb. Natural chemicals from the bee's head glands and the evaporation of the water from the nectar change the nectar into honey.
- Out of 20,000 species of bees, only 4 make honey.
- Although Utah enjoys the title "The Beehive State," the top honey-producing states include California, Florida, and South Dakota.

Source: Utah Beekeeper Association

