



## Interesting Bee Facts

- There are three types of bees in the hive – Queen, Worker (all girls) and Drone (all boys).
- On average the queen lays around 600-800 eggs each day, but can lay up to 1,500 eggs in a day during her 3 or 4 year lifetime.
- This daily egg production may equal her own weight. She is constantly fed and groomed by attendant worker bees.
- Honey bees fly at 15 miles per hour.
- Honey bees' wings stroke 13,800 times per minute, thus making their distinctive buzz.
- Honeybees are the only insect that produce food for humans.
- Honeybees will usually travel approximately 3 miles from their hive.
- Honeybees are the only bees that die after they sting.
- Honeybees are responsible for pollinating approx 80% of all fruit, vegetable and seed crops in the U.S.
- Honeybees have five eyes, 3 small ones on top of the head and two big ones in front. They also have hair on their eyes!
- Bees communicate with each other by dancing and by using pheromones (scents).



**Source:** Utah Beekeeper Association

