



HONEYBEE FACTS

Find out why bees are important, why they're in trouble, and what we can do to help. Have a question? Contact Kate at beepublicproject@gmail.com or visit beepublic.com.

- ONE out of every THREE bites of food we eat was made possible by a bee.
- We rely on pollination for most of our food: apples, avocados, blueberries, tomatoes, coffee, chocolate, the list goes on and on!
- One colony can contain 60,000 bees at its peak.
- Bees make honey to feed themselves and their babies. A single honey bee worker produces about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.
- Honeybees are not native to the US, they were introduced by European settlers.
- Bees are gentle unless threatened. Never swat or provoke and they will go about their business.
- Bees die after they sting.
- Bees live an average of 30-40 days.
- The queen bee lays 1,000 - 2,000 eggs per day, and may lay up to 1 million in her lifetime. She is the mother of every bee in the hive and can live 2-4 years.
- All worker bees in the hive are female.
- Drones, the only male honey bees, do not have stingers and die immediately after mating.
- A worker bee may visit as many as 2,000 flowers per day.
- Pesticides, habitat loss, unsustainable farming practices, monocultures, migratory beekeeping, and climate change are some of the factors threatening bees (and other pollinators).
- The best thing you can do for bees is to plant flowering plants!