



Honeybee Fun Facts

Can fly 15 miles per hour and go up to 6 miles

Will produce only 1/12 teaspoon of honey

Visits 50 to 100 flowers in a trip

Their wings beat about 200 times per second, making the buzz

Will die after stinging, the barbed stinger will eviscerate her

Fly outside usually when temps above 50 degrees

Pollinate 1/3 of all fruits and vegetables

They are the only insect that produce food for humans

A colony has 20,000 to 60,000 honeybees.

Worker bees are all female and only live about 6 weeks in summer, spring & fall

Queens can live up to 5 years and lays up to 2500 eggs/day

Drones have no stinger and do no work.

Communicate with each other by dancing.

Winter cluster keeps temperature at 92 degrees

Smoking the hive inhibits alarm pheromone and causes bees to gorge on honey

Honey never spoils

Honey speeds healing process and fights infections

Honey is the only food that includes all substances to sustain life

Record harvest for one colony is 404 pounds

We only produce 30% of the honey consumed in US

There is only ½ the number of beekeepers today as there was 25 years ago

60,000 colonies are brought to Maine to pollinate, mostly blueberries and apples

Bee contribute \$100 to \$150 million annually to the Maine Economy through honey and pollination

Maine has about 800 beekeepers and 8,000 beehives