

## Honeybee Trivia

Bees fly **15 miles** per hour

An average bee makes **1/12<sup>th</sup>** teaspoon of honey in their lifetime.

Bees will work one blossom variety at a time when gathering honey

Bees visit about **two million** flowers to make one pound of honey.

Bees fly **55,000 miles** to get enough nectar for 1 pound of honey.

Honey has been used for centuries to help reduce some of the symptoms associated with a common cold.

Honey provides and retains moisture and can even extend the shelf life of baked goods.

Bees will visit **50-100 flowers** on each flight from the hive.

Bees dance to communicate the direction and distance of nectar. This is the **Waggle Dance**.

There are over 3,000 beekeepers in Pennsylvania.

Hives are inspected by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for disease.



## Basswood



Last major nectar producing tree to bloom in late June. Water-white to light color. Has a mild flavor with a 'biting' or 'minty' afterflavor.

Black Locust

Clear to light amber. This hardwood tree is the first major tree blossom to start the honey-flow. White blossoms hang like grapes. Soft sweet flavor finishes like marshmallows.



White to light amber color. Generally made in Pa, after 1st and 2nd cut of hay on very large acreages. Mild, delicate flavor with sometime hint of cinnamon.



Clover

## Pennsylvania Honneys



Spring Blossom



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Japanese Knotweed

Known also as Red Bamboo, this blooms along creeks, rivers, mountain sides and waste edges. Reddish-brown color with a pleasant 'fruity' flavor.

The last major honey flow from August to September. This native plant covers vast borders and marginal ground. Very light to light amber, Sweet with buttery afterflavor.

Goldenrod



Can be full season or late season blend of many varieties of flowers. Flavor is generally deep with floral tones. Color may be amber to dark. A good choice for suppressing seasonal allergies.

A robust dark honey from the nectar of white buckwheat blossom. High in antioxidants. Not overly sweet with earthy aroma and malty, molasses flavor

Buckwheat



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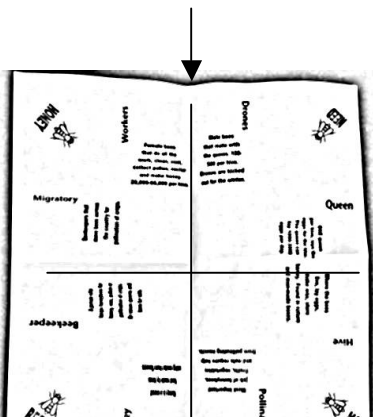
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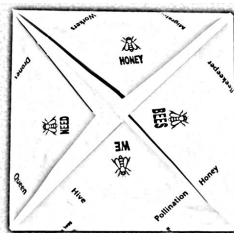


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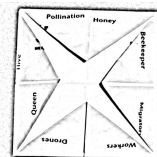
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