

Facts about Honey & Beekeeping

- Honey **never** spoils.
- The Honeybee is the only insect that produces a food for humans.
- The Honeybee is Georgia's state insect.
- UGA Dept. of Agriculture survey shows for 2007, Georgia Farm Gate Value for Beekeeping was over \$18 Million.
- Man's first alcoholic beverage, MEAD, is a wine made with honey.
- Honey is the only food that includes all the substance necessary to sustain life; including water.
- The life span of a worker honeybee is only 4 to 6 weeks during the summer, and as many as 5 months in the winter.
- Honeybees are the only bees that die after they sting.
- A single honeybee will only produce approximately 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.
- Every state in the United States uses honeybees for pollination of crops.
- It takes over 2 million flowers to make one pound of honey.
- A honeybee may visit 50-100 flowers during one collection trip.
- There are over 250,000 beekeepers in the US.
- A typical beehive can make more than 400 pounds of honey per year.
- Honeybees are responsible for approximately 80% of all fruit, vegetable and seed crops in the U.S.