



Honey Bee Facts:

- **There are three castes in a honey bee colony: Queen (fertile female), Drone (male) and Worker (infertile female).**
- **A worker bee's lifespan is 4-6 weeks in summer in temperate climates.**
- **The lifespan of a queen bee is 2-8 years.**
- **It is estimated a queen bee can lay 1,500 eggs in one day under ideal conditions.**
- **A bee can fly approximately 24 mph.**
- **Pollen is a source of protein.**
- **A honey bee must collect nectar from approximately 2 million flowers to produce one pound of honey.**
- **Honey bees are not native to North America. They were introduced in the 1600's.**
- **A worker honey bee has one barbed stinger. If she uses her stinger she will die because the stinger and some of her abdominal organs are pulled out as she tries to fly away.**
- **Honey bees can see ultra-violet light - humans cannot.**
- **The oldest record of beekeeping is 6,000 B.C - from a rock painting in Spain.**

