Bees pollinate 80 percent of flowering crops, which constitute one-third of the American diet.

The queen honeybee is Alabama’s official state agricultural insect.

In 2016, Alabama had approximately 7,000 honey-producing colonies.

Honey yield per colony averaged 52 pounds.

Honey production totaled 364,000 pounds in Alabama and 162 million pounds in the U.S. in 2016.

The average American consumes 1.61 pounds of honey each year.

There are over 200,000 beekeepers in the U.S. Every state has honeybees and beekeepers.

North and South Dakota combined produce a little more than one-third of the nation’s commercial honey supply.

Eighty-five percent of U.S. honey imports come from five countries: Vietnam, India, Argentina, Brazil and Thailand.

A common honey variety in Alabama is cotton honey, a light-colored, delicately flavored honey.

For every 60 pounds of honey produced, one pound of beeswax is made.

There are three types of honeybees in a colony: the queen (fertile female), workers (infertile females) and drones (males).

The peak population of a colony of honeybees usually occurs mid-summer and results in 60,000 to 80,000 bees per colony.

A queen bee can lay up to 3,000 eggs per day.

Honeybees are one of over 20,000 bee species and are not endangered.

Honeybees must gather nectar from 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey.

The average bee will make only one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.

The honeybee is the only insect that produces food eaten by man.

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