

Honey and Bee Forage Facts:

- Almost all pure honey crystallizes over time. Crystallized honey is still good, just apply low heat for it to become liquid again.
- A honeybee visits 50-100 flowers during a collection trip.
- Lighter colored honey is generally milder in taste than darker colored honey
- Some plants, like bluebonnets, provide honey bees with pollen, but no nectar.
- Wildflower honey is derived from a variety of wildflowers and plants that bloom during the spring and summer months.
- Pure honey does not need any pasteurization, as bacteria can't grow in honey.
- Goldenrod provides bees with nectar and pollen forage late in the fall. Bees appreciate this fall supply, though most people don't like the taste of this honey.
- Honey may darken over time, but "dark honey" refers to honey that originated from a dark-color floral nectar.

Other Bee Favorites

Pink Evening Primrose

March



Texas Thistle

April



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Honey Production Plants

Montgomery County, Texas



A Blooming Pictorial Timeline



*Bloom times may vary depending on seasonal changes, weather variations, etc.

Montgomery County, Texas Honey Production Plants

January



Dandelion

July



Aster

October



Goldenrod

February



Redbud

May



Tallow

August



Crepe Myrtle

November



Rosemary

March



Blackberry

June



Texas Sage

September



Lantana

December



Pansy