




Where does **HONEY**? come from!

Sweet, golden, and nice and sticky – that's honey. It is made by hard-working little creatures: honeybees. Find out how the little bees produce so much honey, and how it gets from hive to jar.

THE HONEYBEE COLONY

		
WORKER BEE Produces honey	DRONE Ensures offspring	QUEEN Lays eggs

BLOSSOMS AND LEAVES

Bees gather the sweet juice from flowers (nectar) and bring it to the hive. Worker bees visit more than 2 million flowers to make just one jar of honey!



DANCE STEP

The worker bees do a dance to show their colleagues where to find the next feeding ground.

Circular dance
If the feeding place is nearby, the bees perform a circular dance.



Waggle dance
If the feeding place is far away, the bees move their rear ends backwards and forwards, as if they are wagging their tail.



HIVE

This is where the collected nectar is processed into the finished honey. It provides nourishment not just for humans, but, more particularly, for the bees. The bees always build a store of honey, some of which is harvested – always ensuring, of course, that the bees have plenty left for themselves.

RUNNY OR SET?

Fresh from the hive, honey is runny and almost see-through. Depending on the variety and how it is stored, it may later become set and opaque.



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