



**KNOW
YOUR FOOD**

HONEY



BY THE NUMBERS – 2022

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\$7 BILLION estimated value honey bee pollination
contributes to key crops in Canada.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta is Canada's largest honey producer, producing over 40% of the country's honey.

Largest overall
export market:
Japan.



ENVIRONMENT

Environmental stewardship and sustainability are at the heart of the work of the beekeeping industry in Alberta. Our beekeepers use best management practices to manage the health and sustainability of their honey bee colonies, ensuring their honey bees continue to provide valuable crop pollination services and craft 100% pure Alberta honey.

MEET A PRODUCER

Gull Lake Honey Company Inc.

Lorne and Alida Prins are first generation beekeepers, and third generation farmers. Their beekeeping operation is located near Lacombe, Alberta, where they carefully manage over 1,800 honey bee colonies. Lorne and Alida love to share their knowledge and passion for beekeeping with the public and offer farm tours as well as the opportunity to purchase their local honey and hive products onsite at their farm store.



FUN FACTS

Honey has a lower
Glycemic Index than sugar.



Over 50,000 honey bees
can live in **ONE** hive!

A honey bee can
fly about 24 km/h.

Honey bees communicate with
each other by dancing.
The dance is called the
"waggle dance."



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