

## Some Useful Terms

Apiary	Bee colonies, hives, and other equipment assembled in one location for beekeeping operations
Beeswax	Complex mixture of organic compounds secreted by special glands of the worker bee's abdomen and used for building the comb
Bee venom	Poison secreted by special glands attached to the bee sting
Colony	A social community of several thousand worker bees usually containing a queen and a few drones
Honey	Natural sweet substance produced by honeybees from the nectar of flowers, from secretions of living parts of plants, or from the excretions of plant-sucking insects
Hive	A man-made structure for housing bees, especially honeybees, or a container in which bees build their nest
Pollination	Transfer of pollen from an anther (male part) to the stigma (female part) of flowers
Pollinator	An agent that helps transfer pollen, thus enabling pollination
Propolis	Sap or resinous substance collected from trees or plants by bees and used as a cement or sealant in the construction of their hives; also called bee glue
Royal jelly	Highly nutritious glandular secretion from young worker bees, used to feed the queen and young brood
Pollen	Male reproductive cell bodies produced by flower anthers and collected and used by honeybees as a source of protein

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