

HONEY SECTOR OF PAKISTAN

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PRODUCT PROFILE

Honey is a natural, energy-rich food containing sugars (fructose, glucose), proteins, amino acids, vitamins, enzymes, minerals, antioxidants, and trace elements. Its main sugars, fructose and glucose, are directly absorbed into the bloodstream, providing instant energy. Honey is widely used for nutrition, medicines, cosmetics, and natural remedies.

Pakistan has highly favorable ecological zones for beekeeping, allowing production of some premium and export-demanded honey varieties including Sidr (Ber), Acacia, Citrus, Multiflora, and Wild Mountain honey.

HONEY BEE SPECIES IN PAKISTAN

PRODUCTION ('000' TONS)		
Species	Type	Status in Pakistan
Apis dorsata (Rock bee)	Indigenous	Wild species, forest/mountain honey
Apis cerana (Asian hive bee)	Indigenous	Traditional beekeeping species
Apis florea (Dwarf bee)	Indigenous	Produces small quantities
Apis mellifera (European honey bee)	Exotic	Commercially introduced; main source for modern beekeeping

Major Honey Production Areas

Punjab

- Chakwal, Attock, Gujarkhan, Sargodha, Mianwali, Jhelum, Talagang, Sialkot (Daska region)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

- Swat, Kohat, Karak, Bannu, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Haripur

Balochistan

- Ziarat, Quetta, Kalat, Naseerabad, Pishin

Sindh

- Thatta, Sujawal, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Gularchi, Badin

Production Trends

- Estimated annual production: 10,000–12,000 metric tons
- Colony numbers increasing with commercial adoption of Apis mellifera
- Growth driven by rising demand from Middle East, rising local consumption, and adoption of modern beekeeping



TOP IMPORTING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD

Importing Country	Import Value (USD Million)
World	2,284
USA	650
Germany	228
Japan	137
UK	124
France	110

Source: ITC, Trade Map

EXPORTS FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS (USD MILLION)

Country	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Grand Total	7.41	6.53	7.08
Saudi Arabia	5.21	4.49	4.47
United Arab Emirates	1.14	0.96	1.25
Kuwait	0.55	0.48	0.67
Oman	0.07	0.17	0.20
Qatar	0.16	0.13	0.20

Source: PRAL

TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS

1. SAUDI ARABIA
2. UAE
3. KUWAIT



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