

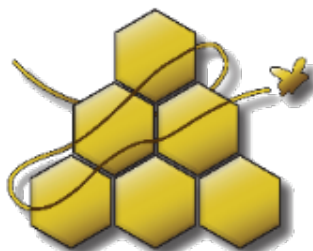
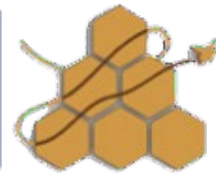
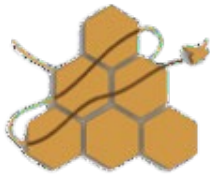


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May 11, 2022

News Release 22-058

Inv. No. 731-TA-1560-1562 and 731-TA-1564 (Final)

Contact: Jennifer Andberg, 202-205-1819

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The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) today determined that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of raw honey from Argentina, Brazil, India, and Vietnam that the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) has determined are sold in the United States at less than fair value.

Chair Jason E. Kearns, Vice Chair Randolph J. Stayin, and Commissioners David S. Johanson, Rhonda K. Schmidlein, and Amy A. Karpel voted in the affirmative.

As a result of the Commission's affirmative determinations, Commerce will issue antidumping duty orders on imports of this product from Argentina, Brazil, India, and Vietnam.

The Commission made a negative critical circumstances finding with regard to imports of this product from Argentina. The Commission made an affirmative critical circumstances finding with regard to imports of this product from Vietnam.

The Commission's public report *Raw Honey from Argentina, Brazil, India, and Vietnam* (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1560-1562 and 731-TA-1564 (Final), USITC Publication 5327, May 2022) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigations.

The report will be available by June 20, 2022; when available, it may be accessed on the USITC website at: http://pubapps.usitc.gov/applications/publogs/qry_publication_loglist.asp.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20436

FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Raw Honey from Argentina, Brazil, India, and Vietnam
Investigation Nos.: 731-TA-1560-1562, 1564 (Final)

Product Description: Honey is a sweet, viscous fluid produced from the nectar of plants and flowers which is collected by honeybees, transformed, and combined with substances of their own, and stored and left in honeycombs to mature and ripen. Raw honey is honey as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling and skimming, or straining.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigation: Final antidumping duty investigations.
 2. Petitioners: American Honey Producers Association ("AHPA"), Bruce, South Dakota; and Sioux Honey Association ("SHA"), Sioux City, Iowa.
 3. USITC Institution Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021.
 4. USITC Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022.
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5. USITC Vote Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022.
6. USITC Notification to Commerce Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

U.S. Industry in 2020:

1. Number of U.S. producers: approximately 30,000 to 60,000.
2. Location of producers' plants: North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Texas, Montana, Florida, Minnesota, and Michigan
3. Production and related workers: 1,360.
4. U.S. producers' U.S. shipments: \$302 million.
5. Apparent U.S. consumption: \$690 million.
6. Ratio of subject imports to apparent U.S. consumption: 42.8 percent.

U.S. Imports in 2020:

1. Subject imports: \$296 million.
2. Nonsubject imports: \$93 million.
3. Leading import sources: Argentina, Brazil, India, Vietnam.

https://www.usitc.gov/press_room/news_release/2022/er051111935.htm

What does this mean for beekeepers?

The decision will be transmitted to the Commerce Department, which will issue antidumping duty orders shortly. In addition, the Commission reached an affirmative critical circumstances determination against Vietnam. This means that U.S. Customs will collect antidumping duties on entries going back an additional 90 days prior to the preliminary antidumping duty determination—from August 28, 2020, forward. This is an important additional finding, and one that the Commission rarely makes.

These results should continue to ensure that the American honey producer gets the fair prices they deserve.



Join The 2022 Mite-A-Thon!



Varroa destructor (Varroa), and the viruses it vectors is a significant driver of honey bee colony mortality. Yet, indicators suggest that many beekeepers are not monitoring honey bee colony Varroa infestations and therefore aren't able to connect infestation to colony loss.

Varroa are ectoparasites that breed in the cells of developing honey bees, feeding on bees and transmitting several harmful viruses as they do so. Though it is encouraging to see awareness of these formidable foes growing on all sides of the beekeeping community, it is worrying that recent research results show signs of increasing acaricide resistance in Varroa, and rising virulence of Varroa-vectorred viruses. Therefore, Varroa remains the biggest threat to honey bee health and the sustainability of beekeeping.

This is why the [Bee Informed Partnership](#) supports every initiative that is raising awareness against Varroa, and spreading information about good management practices – chief among them is the regular monitoring for pests by all beekeepers in their own apiaries.

The good news is that monitoring for pests and diseases can easily become second nature, and quantifying the level of mite infestations in your operation is actually easy to do!

This is the message of the 2022 North American [Mite-A-Thon](#), an annual initiative spearheaded by the [Pollinator Partnership](#), in proud collaboration with [American Honey Producers Association](#), the [USDA](#), the [University of Maryland Bee Lab](#), the [American Beekeeping Federation](#), [Michigan State University](#), the [Honey Bee Health Coalition](#), [University of Minnesota Bee Lab](#) and [Bee Squad](#), the [Canadian Honey Council](#), and yours truly, the [Bee Informed Partnership](#).

What Is Mite-A-Thon?

[Mite-A-Thon](#) is a North American effort to spread awareness about Varroa, encourage beekeepers to sample their own colonies to quantify their own mite infestation levels, and promote conversation between beekeepers about the importance of Varroa monitoring and management.

Maybe your club has some new members that have never dared to take a sample on their own? Maybe you need to re-familiarize long-time members with proper Varroa monitoring techniques? Maybe you have let spring catch you by surprise and have delayed Varroa monitoring in the middle of swarm control? Then now is the perfect time to go to your colonies, perform a Varroa test (either powdered sugar roll or alcohol wash), enter your data on the platform, and see if you can get your region to be the most Varroa-aware on the map!

[Mite-A-Thon](#) is running in the Spring (April 30th – May 15th, 2022) and in late summer (August 13th – 28th, 2022). All beekeepers in North America are encouraged to participate.

How To Participate in the 2022 Mite-A-Thon

To find out more about [Mite-A-Thon](#) and how you can participate, go to their website (<https://www.pollinator.org/miteathon>), where you will find information about how to participate, previous years' reports and educational resources to share with your bee club.

Once collected, you can submit your Varroa data using the [online form](#) or by using the mitecheck app (downloadable on the App Store and Google Play).

<https://beeinformed.org/2022/05/06/join-the-2022-mite-a-thon/>



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GreenLight's honeybee-saving RNA solution named finalist in World Changing Ideas Award

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BOSTON, May 10, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- An [RNA-based solution by GreenLight Biosciences designed to protect honeybees](#) from the Varroa destructor mite was named a finalist by Fast Company for its 2022 World Changing Ideas Awards.

This is the first RNA-based solution that directly targets the mites, which have been detected in 90% of U.S. hives and which beekeepers call the primary threat to honeybee colonies today. In field trials, the solution lowers mite levels with strong efficacy compared to a leading chemical pest control.

"The technology at GreenLight, we're testing it now, and we've seen it work," said Barry Hart, owner of Hart Honey Farms in Georgia. A beekeeper since 1985, Hart said Varroa mites have decimated many of his hives.

GreenLight's Varroa mite product candidate is currently [undergoing tests in several states](#) and is scheduled to be submitted for EPA approval in 2022.

About 3 million commercial honeybee colonies in the United States contribute to pollinating more than 100 crops annually, worth an estimated \$15 billion. The Varroa mite reproduces in the same beehive cells as gestating bee larvae, grows up to parasitically feed on honeybees, and while doing so spreads disease, destroying colonies across the globe.

A limited number of chemical treatments are the current weapons in the fight against the Varroa mite. However, the traditional treatments come with side effects that may include bee death. Varroa mites have also developed resistance to several existing traditional chemical pesticides, which also require farmers to wear special protective gear and goggles to apply. GreenLight's patented RNA technology only requires gloves.

"Crops pollinated by honeybees make up roughly a third of the food eaten by Americans, so declining populations of honeybees could have major consequences for food supply," said Andrey Zarur, CEO of GreenLight Biosciences. "Our mission is to protect the species safely and effectively, and we are excited by Fast Company's recognition for our achievements."

GreenLight and other Fast Company nominees and award winners can be found [here](#).

About GreenLight Biosciences

GreenLight Biosciences aims to address some of the world's biggest problems by delivering on the full potential of RNA for human health and agriculture. Our RNA platform allows us to research, design, and manufacture for human, animal, and plant health. In human health, this includes messenger RNA vaccines and therapeutics. In agriculture, this includes RNA to protect honeybees and a range of crops. The company's platform is protected by numerous patents. GreenLight's human health product candidates are in the pre-clinical stage, and its product candidates for the agriculture market are in the early stages of development or regulatory review. GreenLight is a public benefit corporation that trades under the ticker GRNA on Nasdaq. For more information, visit <https://www.greenlightbiosciences.com/>

Study Finds Hemp Extract Delays Ageing Process In Honey Bees

By [Terry Lassitenaz](#)

May 11, 2022



A Polish study has found hemp extract fed to bees not only gave the insects a needed antioxidant boost, but also slowed down the ageing process.

For such an important insect that pollinates many of the world's crops, we give bees a pretty hard time.

There have been major declines in bee populations due to increased susceptibility to parasites, the widespread use of pesticides and the impacts of climate change.

Perhaps we can give bees a helping hand with hemp.

Researchers from the Department of Invertebrate Ecophysiology and Experimental Biology, University of Life Sciences in Lublin investigated the effects of hemp extract on the activity of the antioxidant system in the hemolymph of adult honey bees (*Apis mellifera*). Hemolymph is the fluid equivalent to blood found in most invertebrates.

The bees were divided into three groups – one group was fed using pure sugar syrup with cotton strips soaked with hemp extract, another fed with a mixture of sugar syrup with hemp extract delivered via syringe, and a control group fed with a mixture of sugar and a water–glycerine solution.

As well as finding the highest antioxidant activities in the group supplemented with cannabis via syringe, it also increased their lifespan to 52 days. For the group feeding off the cotton strips soaked with sugar syrup and hemp strips, lifespan was 49 days. For the control group fed only sugar syrup, it was just 35 days.

“Hemp extract, thanks to its antioxidant properties, increased the activities of key antioxidant

enzymes that protect the bee's organisms against free radicals and thus delay the aging processes," state the researchers. "...we believe that hemp extract can in the future contribute to the improvement of the natural immunity of honey bees and help them with the fight against environmental pollution and the increase of oxidative stress."

[The findings](#) have been published in the journal Antioxidants.

[Bees love hemp](#) and previous studies have found the plant has the potential to provide a critical nutritional resource during periods when other food sources may be scarce. But not all hemp grown is useful to bees – crops grown for [CBD](#) aren't beneficial as it's the flowers that are harvested. The best hemp crops for these important pollinators are those cultivated for [seed](#) and [fiber](#).

<https://hempgazette.com/news/hemp-bees-lifespan-hg1694/>



Oh, Honey!: KRISPY KREME® Introduces First-Ever Honey Doughnuts That Will Have Taste Buds Buzzing and Fans Swarming

Brand also thanks bees by giving guests bee-friendly flower seed paper with purchase of Honey Lover's Dozen



CHARLOTTE, N.C.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--*Krispy Kreme* will have taste buds buzzing and fans swarming this month with its first-ever sweet and sensational Honey Doughnuts.

Krispy Kreme's Oh, Honey! Collection – available for a limited time beginning May 9 at participating shops across the U.S.– features three all-new doughnuts:

- **Honey Pull Apart Doughnut:** Glazed, light and airy honey doughnut clusters drizzled with salted honey icing.
- **Honey Bee Doughnut:** An Original Glazed® doughnut dipped in yellow icing, decorated with black buttercream then finished with two mini cookie ‘wings’.
- **Honey Cake Doughnut:** A glazed Sour Cream Cake doughnut drizzled with honey icing and finished with an oat crisp topping.

The Honey Bee and Honey Cake doughnuts are available to add to your dozen and in the Honey Lover’s Dozen, while the Honey Pull Apart Doughnut is available individually and in special 4-doughnut package.

Bee-cause *Krispy Kreme* loves honey and the small but mighty workforce that produces it, the Honey Lover's Dozen will come with bee-friendly wildflower seed paper for fans to plant, while supplies last, thanking and "feeding" the bees. *Krispy Kreme* will also plant flower gardens at select shops to create more bee-friendly environments.

"Our innovation team has been hard at work to create our first-ever honey doughnut collection. And so have honeybees!" said *Krispy Kreme* Chief Marketing Officer Dave Skena. "So, help the honeybees by planting the flower seeds that we give you when you buy these delicious doughnuts."

Throughout the Oh, Honey! Collection's availability and on World Bee Day May 20, *Krispy Kreme* will also celebrate and thank organizations that advocate for and practice stewardship for bees year-round, including the Planet Bee Foundation, whose mission is to change the world one bee and one mind at a time.

"Pollinator education and environmental stewardship is inter-generational, and we're determined to prove it. From working with corporations and companies like *Krispy Kreme* to students in schools, we are all responsible for the care of our environment," said Debra Tomaszewski, founder of the Planet Bee Foundation, which presents workshops, educational programs and beehive programs virtually and in-person to schools, community organizations, nonprofits and corporations across the U.S. and Canada.

Share how you're enjoying *Krispy Kreme*'s new Oh, Honey! Collection and supporting bees by using #KrispyKreme and tagging @krispykreme. Learn more about *Krispy Kreme*'s Oh, Honey! Collection by visiting www.krispykreme.com/promos/ohhoney.

About Krispy Kreme

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Krispy Kreme (NASDAQ: DNUT) is one of the most beloved and well-known sweet treat brands in the world. Our iconic Original Glazed® doughnut is universally recognized for its hot-off-the-line, melt-in-your-mouth experience. Krispy Kreme operates in over 30 countries through its unique network of doughnut shops, partnerships with leading retailers, and a rapidly growing e-Commerce and delivery business. Our purpose of touching and enhancing lives through the joy that is Krispy Kreme guides how we operate every day and is reflected in the love we have for our people, our communities and the planet.

Connect with Krispy Kreme Doughnuts at www.KrispyKreme.com, or on one of its many social media channels, including www.Facebook.com/KrispyKreme, and www.Twitter.com/KrispyKreme.

About Planet Bee Foundation

Planet Bee Foundation is a 501(c)(3) environmental education nonprofit on a mission to change the world one bee and one mind at a time. They teach about the importance of bees to our food systems and ecosystems as a pathway to conservation and STEM fields as we develop the green leaders of tomorrow through the power of science and stewardship. Planet Bee presents workshops and educational programs virtually and in-person to schools, community organizations, nonprofits and corporations across the US and Canada providing lessons, beehive programs and team-building workshops. To learn more about Planet Bee Foundation please visit www.planetbee.org.

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20220509005178/en/Oh-Honey%21-KRISPY-KREME%2%AE-Introduces-First-Ever-Honey-Doughnuts-That-Will-Have-Taste-Buds-Buzzing-and-Fans-Swarming>



Hello Honey Industry Partners!

We would appreciate your assistance spreading the word on our continuing research project. We are collecting samples of citrus blossom honey from locations in North America. There is a sample collection form included (download here: https://803a53c6-072b-4f8f-960b-bf8520169c2b.usfiles.com/ugd/803a53_0bd8b373e75d4d7f98e8bb7e67f97fbb.pdf). We are requesting 118 mL/4 oz samples. Senders are not responsible for costs related to testing. These samples will be collected by QSI America and the testing will be used to support a future identity standard for citrus blossom honey.

Timing is a bit urgent to obtain samples this season. The sooner you are able to share this opportunity with your constituents, the better this project will be. Thank you for your support!

The USP Honey Expert Panel On behalf of
Norberto Garcia, Chair and
Gina Clapper, Senior Scientific Liaison with FCC and US Pharmacopeia

Please contact Gina with any questions or comments (gina.clapper@usp.org)



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AHPA App

As AHPA continues to work on behalf of all beekeepers, one of our initiatives is advocating with the FDA in Washington D.C. to update honey labeling guidelines. As part of this effort, we need your help to collect pictures of honey labels from around the United States. Our goal is primarily to find honey that is mislabeled according to current FDA guidelines. Secondly, we need examples of any labels which misrepresent country of origin or are purposefully confusing to consumers so that we can advocate for positive changes and updates.

Search the App Store or Google Play for "AHPA app". We need to collect as many pictures from honey on the store shelf as possible. Please take a few minutes to help collect this data.

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