

Bee Hives

In March of 2014 two bee hives were moved to the property. The bees seem to really like the farm, and their honey production reflects that! Nestled near the Big Shoal Farm, our bees have fields of sunflowers, pumpkins, and corn, as well fields of clover and wildflowers to enjoy.

Further north on the property the museum's heirloom garden is filled with melon patches, tomatoes plants, rows of flowers and other treats honey bees love. Honey is harvested twice a year in - first in June and then again in August. The honey produced from August into the fall is enough for the bees to live on during the winter. Bees go back inside their hive and remain dormant throughout the cold winter months, eating their stored honey until spring. City staff and volunteers bottle and label the harvested honey for sale in our museum store. All proceeds from the sale of honey go to support the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum.



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