

French bees produce rainbow honey

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- 1 It may sound like a gag, but trust me, it's true: Beekeepers in Alsace, France have been shocked to discover that their bees have been producing some "weird" colored honey. These French bees were producing blue, green and even red honey without any prior signs.



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[a] As cool as blue honey sounds, the beekeepers say it is unsellable and will taste different. They don't even consider it to be honey. The factory has agreed to clean up its bins, be more careful with its waste and place it in airtight containers, so that the bees won't have access to the harmful bi-products.

[b] Bee mortality rates have been on the rise around the world. Due to the very harsh winter last year, bees in Alsace are especially scarce this year. This, coupled with their new batch of unsellable blue honey, means the livelihood of the French beekeepers is at stake. A world without honey sounds like a very grim place, and we hope the bees will prevail and continue making life just that much sweeter for the rest of us.

[c] Knowing that blue honey is certainly a cause for alarm, the beekeepers set out to investigate why their bees were suddenly producing a technicolor treat. They followed the bees as they set out to feed all the way to a chocolate factory, where M&Ms were being produced. As it turned out, the bees were feasting on the waste of the candies and, upon their return home, were making honey in some vibrant, albeit highly unnatural, hues.

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