

# Seneca Honey

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Seneca has a sweet spot for honey thanks to a beekeeping initiative that includes more than 60 hives across two campuses. Seneca beehives produce over 200 pounds of honey per hive, totalling 12,000 pounds annually. The honey is bottled straight from the hives and sold on campus.

Currently, bees are buzzing at Newnham and Peterborough campuses with plans to add more hives in the future. The apiaries are maintained by Don Forster, Director, Office of Sustainability, and a registered commercial beekeeper. As an important insect in the ecosystem, bees are essential for pollinating trees, plants and flowers. They fly away from their hives to contribute to the natural pollination on campus and in neighbouring landscapes.

Seneca honey is pure, unpasteurized, white, wildflower honey. It is available in jars ranging in size from 45 grams up to one kilogram. To make a purchase, email [sustainability@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:sustainability@senecapolytechnic.ca).

## Learn About Beekeeping



Seneca now offers beekeeping workshops through the Faculty of Continuing Education. The workshop series introduces the world of beekeeping and hands-on courses on beehive management during the spring, summer and fall months.

[Register for the beekeeping workshops.](#)

## Incorporating Indigenous Beliefs with Seneca Honey



Original Indigenous artwork on our honey jars features a circle of four honeybees designed by Peggy Pitawanakwat Chi Taa Kwe, former Co-ordinator, First Peoples@Seneca.

Known as the Honeybee Circle, it reflects Indigenous symbology of elements, cycles and teachings. The circle represents the four directions and four colours of the medicine wheel, which is considered a major symbol of peaceful interaction on Earth between all races of people, the directions, all the cycles of nature, day and night, seasons, moons, life cycles, the universe and more. Also represented in the circle are the Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers – wisdom, love, respect, bravery, kindness, humility and truth.

## Giving Made Sweet





Proceeds from the sales of the Seneca Sting Honey are donated to student bursaries through the Campaign for Students.

[Learn more about Seneca's honey extraction process.](#)

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