



The Beekeeper

Michael Krones, Owner and Beekeeper, Hawaiian Queen Company

Royal Hawaiian honeys are produced by beekeeper Michael Krones. He learned the art of keeping bees in Costa Rica in the 1970s from a wise old man named Winston McGee, and has kept bees in Hawaii since 1996. His farm, the Hawaiian Queen Co., (www.hawaiianqueen.com) is located on the southwest side (Kona side) of the Big Island of Hawaii, in Captain Cook. This location is truly paradise for bees: It has the perfect combination of enough moisture and rain, abundant, year-round nectar sources, and mild temperatures.

“My personal view as a keeper of bees, and as a naturalist, is that bees play an incredibly important role in pollinating many types of flowers. Their symbiotic relationship with the flowering world has invaluable economic and social implications for humankind, which are often overlooked.

I can only thank God that in creating this bountiful Earth He included these tiny creatures, the honeybees. Their organization and discipline still defies the intellect.

I am grateful for their labors which yield the golden, sweet honey, prized by us humans since distant ages ago.”



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