

BEEES



**Crandall Bowles
Children's Farm**

AT ANNE SPRINGS CLOSE GREENWAY



Honey bees are social insects that live in colonies. Each colony consists of one queen bee, drones and worker bees. Worker bees are all female and do most of the work in the hive, including collecting nectar and pollen, building and defending the hive and taking care of the queen and larvae. The queen bee is the largest bee in the colony and is responsible for laying eggs. Drones are male bees whose primary role is to mate with the queen; they do not have stingers and do not do any work in the hive.

Honey bees are important pollinators that help plants reproduce by transferring pollen from one flower to another, which allows plants to produce fruits and seeds. Honey bees produce honey by collecting nectar from flowers and storing it in their hive. They then use their wings to fan the nectar, which evaporates the water content and turns it into honey. Honey bees are crucial for agriculture, as they pollinate many crops that humans rely on for food, including fruits, vegetables and nuts.

The honey bees at the Crandall Bowles Children's Farm are owned and maintained by [Eden Acre Honey Farm](#). Eden Acre staff inspect the hives every Sunday, during Children's Farm operating hours, so visitors can get a glimpse of what happens within the hives.

Eden Acre will be selling honey from the Crandall Bowles Children's Farm hives in future years, with a portion of the proceeds donated to Anne Springs Close Greenway. As the hives are new this year, the small amount of the bees produce will be maintained within the hives for the bees to eat over winter. Next year, they will produce upwards of 150 pounds of honey!

Click the social icons below to learn more about Eden Acre Honey Farm and to get a closer look at the hives in action!

