

## **HONEY BEES**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Honey bees are social insects that live in colonies with as many as 60,000 members. They have three castes or types of individuals in their colonies: workers, queens, and drones. These insects have a fuzzy yellow-brown to black appearance because they are covered with fine hairs. The workers have a barbed stinger at the end of their abdomen that they use to sting people or animals threatening the colony. The weather often affects the temper of bees and on windy, cloudy days when they are unable to forage for nectar, pollen, etc., they are somewhat cross or frustrated and have been known to “take it out” on some innocent passerby.

### **CONTROL**

If the bees should nest in the wall voids, chimney, or attic of a home they should be controlled or they will enter the living areas. The most effective treatment of the enclosed spaces is with the dust formulation of the insecticide as it is easily and widely distributed by the bees' movement as they enter and move about the nest. In any aerial or ground nest, the same treatment is used followed up with a spraying to insure effectiveness.

