



## HONEY AND BEE DERIVATIVES

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## COMPANY



The Rainha da Flor apiary was founded in 1999 by beekeepers Jovets Peres da Silva and Mariléia Corrêa da Silva, in the municipality of Balneário Gaivota, in the south of Santa Catarina.



It is a family-run business in which all the raw materials used come from the company's own breeding of apis and meliponas bees in the far south and highlands of Santa Catarina.

At the age of 12, Jovets began his career in beekeeping, influenced by his father Dimas Podalirio.



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## PRODUCTS



**Organic Bracatinga Melato honey** comes from the secretions of mealybugs (sucking insects) that infect the trunk of the Bracatinga tree (*Mimosa scabrella*), leguminous plants family. Only in even-numbered years is the Bracatinga (*Mimosa scabrella*) attacked by the mealybugs, which expels Melato, a sugary liquid sought out by bees, which produces a unique honey that is darker and less sweet. **Organic Bracatinga Melato Honey has a Geographical Indication (GI).**

**Organic wild honey** is a product that bees produce from the nectar of various flowers and is used to feed the hive. This honey is harvested every year. Organic apiaries respect a 3km radius of native forest or bee pastures only.

**Bee pollen** is different from plant pollen because the bee agglutinates it with saliva so that it can be transported to the hive. As the bee's saliva is rich in enzymes, amino acids and vitamins, pollen has an infinite wealth of minerals, proteins and plant fibers that result in a product of high nutritional value and is a precious source of trace minerals, essential for the proper functioning of the human body.



## DETAILS ON PRODUCTION CAPACITY, SEASONALITY AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:



**Organic Bracatinga Melato honey** is only harvested in even-numbered years, when a curious and unique phenomenon occurs in the Santa Catarina mountains, the Bracatinga (*Mimosa scabrella*) is attacked by mealybugs that expel mealybug oxalate, also known as melato, a sugary liquid that is sought after by bees, which produces a unique honey that is darker and less sweet.



### RAINHA DA FLOR

City: Balneário Gaivota  
State: Santa Catarina  
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### CERTIFICATIONS

