From humble beginnings in 1941 as a vocational school, the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UH Hilo) has grown to become a comprehensive university that meets the educational needs of the community. The College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (CAFNRM) is one of the colleges at UH Hilo that provides hands-on learning at the UH Hilo Farm for students interested in pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture. The UH Hilo Farm is located in Panaewa, Hawaii and is surrounded by lush, exotic vegetation that supports an apiary used by students to learn about bees and beekeeping in two CAFNRM courses. The honey and wax used to make Lava Bee Products were extracted and processed from the UH Hilo Farm apiary. Financial support for product development was provided through USDA Grant on Post Harvest.

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FOAMING SOAP

The honey used in Lava Bee foaming soap is a delicate mixed honey produced by bees at the UH Hilo Farm apiary. At the UH Hilo Farm, honey is harvested several times a year and the change color and aroma of the soap reflects the change in the nectar sources used by the bees to produce the honey. The ingredients in Lava Bee foaming soap are: honey, liquid soap, cornstarch and one of two fragrant essential oils (coconut or honey).

HEALING LIP BALM

The honey used in Lava Bee healing lip balm is a delicate mixed honey produced by bees at the UH Hilo Farm apiary. At the UH Hilo Farm, honey is harvested several times a year and the change in the flavor and aroma of the lip balm reflects the change in the nectar sources used by the bees to produce the honey. Lava Bee healing lip balm not only moisturizes lips but helps to relieve fever blisters and chapped lips. Ingredients: organic coconut oil, beeswax, honey, organic shea butter, organic jojoba oil, vitamin E, organic tea tree oil, and white camphor oil.

SPECIALTY CHUNK HONEY

The honey used in Lava Bee specialty chunk honey is a delicate mixed honey produced by bees at the UH Hilo Farm apiary. At the UH Hilo Farm, frames of honey are harvested several times during the year and the change in the taste of the honey reflects the change in the nectar sources used by the bees to produce the honey. The harvested frames of honey are cut into unique shapes using specially designed cutters into pieces that can be used to sweeten a variety of foods. Primary floral sources used during the year by the bees include macadamia, lychee, mango, and coffee. Each blend is distinctly different but is subtle in flavor.

GUAVA LIP BALM

The honey used in Lava Bee guava lip balm is a delicate mixed honey produced by bees at the UH Hilo Farm apiary. At the UH Hilo Farm, honey is harvested several times a year and the change in the flavor and aroma of the lip balm reflects the change in the nectar sources used by the bees to produce the honey. The essential guava oil used in the lip balm is from guavas grown and processed in Hawi, Hawaii. Ingredients: organic coconut oil, beeswax, organic jojoba oil, organic shea butter, honey, Hawaiian guava essential oil, vitamin E.

HONEY

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