

Registration number 87

Geographical indication

Stara planina honey

Description:

“Stara planina honey” is a geographical indication for meadow, polyfloral honey produced by the honey bee *Apis mellifera carnica* through stationary beekeeping, with the honey extracted only when at least two-thirds of the honeycomb surface in the frame is capped.

Honey bearing the geographical indication “Stara Planina honey” is produced exclusively within the territory of the City of Pirot, the municipality of Dimitrovgrad, the municipality of Knjaževac, and in the settlements of Vratarnica, Mali Izvor, and Selačka.

“Stara planina honey” is characterized by the following physicochemical quality parameters: maximum hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) content: 10 mg/kg, maximum sucrose content: 1 g/100 g, minimum diastase activity: 20 DN. According to pollen analysis, “Stara Planina honey” must contain pollen from: Rosaceae type (the rose family), particularly the genus *Prunus* (stone fruits); Fabaceae type (the legume family), particularly the genus *Trifolium* (clovers). Pollen analysis also indicates that every sample of “Stara Planina honey” contains pollen from medicinal plants such as thyme, comfrey, sage, dandelion, wild carrot, foxtail, buttercup, catnip, lemon balm, and yarrow.

The color intensity of “Stara Planina honey” ranges from straw-yellow or cream-yellow to amber, which may have yellow or reddish hues, and can extend to dark amber. The honey has a pleasant herbal and fruity aroma, while its flavor is rich and distinctive, leaving a pleasant sensory impression on the palate. “Stara Planina honey” is highly viscous, homogeneous, exceptionally smooth, and clear.

Geographical area: Stara planina honey is produced exclusively on the territory of the city of Pirot, the municipality of Dimitrovgrad, the municipality of Knjaževac, and in the settlements of Vratarnica, Mali Izvor, and Selačka.