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**Bactobee® IS AVAILABLE IN TWO FORMATS:**



Bag of 250 g (50 doses)

Bag of 2.5 kilos (500 doses)

A -5gram dosing spoon is included with each bag.



**Want to learn more about Bactobee® and *Pediococcus acidilactici*?**

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**NEW**



# SCIENCE-BACKED LIVE PROBIOTICS FOR OPTIMAL BEE HEALTH



Minimum **1x10<sup>10</sup> CFU** per application

- PESTICIDE
- ADVERSE WEATHER
- LIMITED FOOD RESSOURCES
- MIGRATORY BEEKEEPING

- 1 Probiotic for honey bees, based on ***Pediococcus acidilactici*** live bacteria.
- 2 Helps the bees cope with **environmental stressors** such as pesticide exposure, adverse weather conditions, limited food resources or migratory beekeeping.
- 3 Promotes **good gut health**, stabilizes microbiota, supports immune function, improves colony performance and productivity, and boosts winter survival.



**Healthy bees start with a healthy gut!**



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## WHY GUT HEALTH MATTERS FOR HONEY BEES

The gut microbiota plays a vital role in honey bee health, performing key functions such as:

- **Synthesizing important molecules** like enzymes and vitamins,
- **Activating the immune system**, helping bees defend themselves from disease,
- **Assimilating nutrients**, ensuring they get the energy they need to thrive.<sup>1</sup>

However, stress factors—such as environmental changes, pesticide exposure, diseases, or poor nutrition—can disrupt this delicate balance. These disruptions lead to an imbalance in the gut microbiota, known as **dysbiosis**, where harmful bacteria outcompete beneficial ones.

## THE IMPACT OF DYSBIOSIS ON HONEY BEES

Dysbiosis can affect honey bees in several ways, including:

- **Weakened immunity**, leaving them more vulnerable to pathogens.
- **Reduced nutrient absorption**, impacting their energy and productivity.
- **Digestive issues**, which can lower their overall health and lifespan.

These challenges can compromise the strength of the entire colony, especially during times of stress.

## HOW BACTOBEE® CAN HELP

This is where **Bactobee®** comes in—a high-quality probiotic specifically designed to restore balance in the bee gut microbiota. By introducing beneficial bacteria, Bactobee® helps honey bees face stressors and maintain optimal health.

## WHAT MAKES BACTOBEE® UNIQUE?

- It's based on **live bacteria**, unlike many other probiotics that rely on dried fermentation products.
- It contains a scientifically proven strain of bacteria: ***Pediococcus acidilactici***, a powerhouse probiotic with demonstrated benefits for honey bee colonies.
- Its formulation is **tailored specifically for honey bees**, ensuring it meets their unique needs.



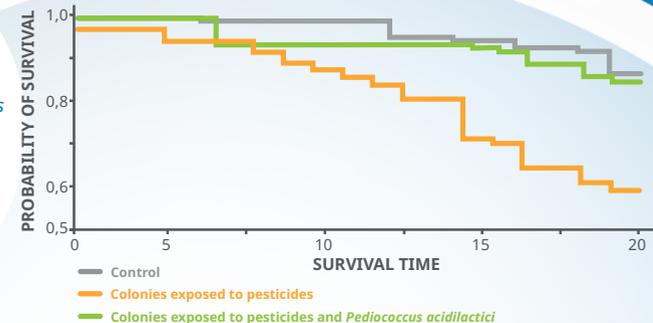
## SCIENCE-BACKED BENEFITS OF *PEDIOCOCCUS ACIDILACTICI*

The benefits of *Pediococcus acidilactici* have been extensively documented in honey bee studies.<sup>1,2</sup> Colonies supplemented with the same carefully selected source of bacteria used in Bactobee showed significant improvements in bee health and overall colony performance:

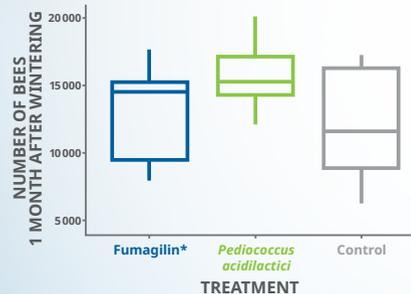
- **Restored gut microbiota stability:** The bee microbiota became more resilient, with a stronger and more connected network of beneficial bacterial interactions.<sup>1</sup> This improvement is particularly important during the wintering period, a time when digestive issues frequently arise and can weaken colony health.
- **Greater resilience to environmental stressors:** Bees showed improved tolerance to environmental challenges, including pesticide exposure, ensuring better adaptability in difficult conditions.<sup>1</sup>

“A recent study also showed that Bactocell® [the source of *Pediococcus acidilactici* used in Bactobee®] restored the bee microbiota to a state close to the control after the induction of dysbiosis by a stressor factor.”<sup>3</sup>

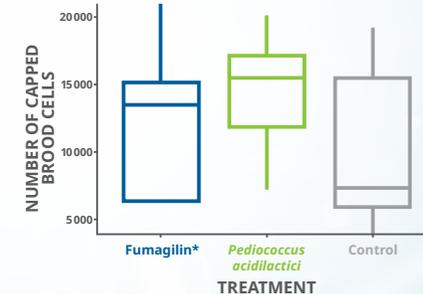
Another study from Peghaire et al.<sup>2</sup> also demonstrated that co-exposure to two **pesticides** (thiamethoxam and boscalid) was particularly harmful to honeybees. However, treatment with *Pediococcus acidilactici* **completely restored their survival rates** improving it by **more than 40%!**



- **Improved winter survival and spring recovery:** When applied before wintering, *Pediococcus acidilactici* supported better colony recovery in spring, helping to improve winter survival rates.<sup>1</sup>



- **Stronger colony growth:** Supplemented colonies showed an increase in the number of bees and capped brood cells, contributing to a healthier and more robust hive.<sup>1</sup>



- **Optimized colony performance:** Overall, colonies supplemented with *Pediococcus acidilactici* exhibited enhanced productivity and vitality, underscoring its role in maintaining a thriving hive.<sup>1</sup>

\* Fumagilin is an antibiotic authorized for use in honey bees in North America to reduce the number of organisms associated with digestive issues.

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## HOW TO USE BACTOBEE

Nurturing your bees with Bactobee® is simple and effective! Follow these steps to ensure your colonies thrive:

### DOSAGE

- Use **5 grams per colony** per application, equivalent to one dosing spoon (included in the bag).
- Sprinkle the powder gently on top of the frames, placing it near the brood area for maximum impact.
- Applications can be repeated every **30 days** if needed.



### RECOMMENDED APPLICATION PERIODS

To give your bees the best support, apply Bactobee during these key times:

- **Spring:** At least once to help your colony prepare for the active season.
- **Fall:** At least once to strengthen your bees for winter.
- **Stressful times:** During dearth periods or migratory events when your bees need extra care.

### IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS

To ensure the safety and effectiveness of Bactobee:

- **Do not combine** with antibiotics. If your colony has undergone antimicrobial treatment, wait **at least 2 weeks** before applying.
- **Avoid application during honey flows** to preserve the purity of your honey.
- Use the product within **24 months of manufacturing**.
- **The live bacteria are highly sensitive to light, humidity, and heat.** After opening your Bactobee bag, ensure it is tightly sealed to protect the product.