

CHILE

HONEY



Background

Chile, due to its geographical diversity, produces unique honey varieties with diverse floral origins, featuring distinctive flavors and aromas derived from endemic vegetation. **Beekeeping involves over 11 000 small-scale beekeepers, most of whom are part of smallholder and indigenous family farming.**

The beekeeping sector is successfully organized. In 2002, the National Beekeeping Board (NBO) was established, which was consolidated in 2013 as the National Beekeeping Commission (NBC), comprising labor unions, academia, and public and private entities.

The NBC supports the Chile 2030 Beekeeping Strategic Agenda, promoted by FAO and aligned with Law for the Promotion, Protection and Encouragement of the Apicultural Activity.



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Expected actions

Increased capacities for sustainable production, honey quality and safety, and commercial and associative management in selected regions of Chile.

Enhanced honey processing and packaging capacity, with quality assurance systems.

Improved **access to national and international markets**.



Challenges

Chilean beekeeping faces challenges due to the geographical dispersion of beekeepers, 96.3 percent of whom are small producers with fewer than 300 hives.

High infrastructure costs limited productive capacity, and reliance on bulk markets **impact profitability and sustainability**.

Compliance with traceability and safety regulations is crucial for formal commercialization, but many producers fail to meet these standards due to resource constraints, resulting in low prices.

To address these challenges, **technical and commercial support is needed to improve efficiency** and access markets that value quality and differentiation.



Organization and coordination

For implementation, a group will be formed within the framework of the **Quality and Market subcommittee**, composed of the **Agricultural Development Institute, the Export Promotion Office, the Office of Agricultural Studies and Policies, FAO, as well as the Agricultural and Livestock Service, the Chilean Agency for Food Safety and Quality, and the food department of the health service.**

These technical public sector organizations, as well as members of the National Beekeeping Council, will report on progress to promote the use of information among more beekeepers nationwide.

More information: [Chilean honey for the world](#)