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Dew! A famous and delightful author, Gilbert White, wrote in 1783 of honey dew being formed because "the effluvia of flowers are drawn up by brisk evaporation and then in the night fall down with the dews." It was not known until 1814 that dew was formed by the condensation of water vapor which was mixed with the air, and did not fall. This condensed moisture, dew, has, of course, nothing to do with "honey dew" which is simply the sticky condition of leaves owing to exudations of sugar. Dew is formed best on substances which are good radiators and consequently become cool quickly after sundown, and when the sky is clear, the air still and mixed with plenty of water vapor. -----