

## Resources for Better Beekeeping

### Best Books:

\*\*A Field Guide to Honey Bees and their Maladies, Penn State (downloadable guide under informative websites)  
ABC and XYZ of Bee Culture, A. I. Root  
\*\*Honey Bees and Beekeeping--A Year in the Life of an Apiary, Keith S. Delaplane, Ph.D. (has a companion DVD)  
Bee-essentials—A Field Guide, Lawrence John Connor  
Beekeeping Basics, Penn State (**free** download or spiral bound book)  
Beekeeping for Dummies, Howland Blackiston  
Beekeeping in the United States, USDA Ag Handbook #335  
\*\*The Beekeeper's Handbook, Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile  
Bee Time, Lessons from the Hive, Mark Winston  
\*\*Best Practices for Hive Health, A Guide for Beekeepers, Honey Bee Health Coalition (**free** download) Jan. 2019  
[https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/HBHC\\_Hive\\_BMPs\\_v1.0\\_reduced.pdf](https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/HBHC_Hive_BMPs_v1.0_reduced.pdf)  
First Lessons in Beekeeping, C.P. Dadant  
Following the Wild Bees—The Craft and Science of Bee Hunting, Thomas D. Seeley  
\*\*Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping, Dewey M. Caron  
Honey Bee Democracy, Thomas D. Seeley  
Honey Bee Diseases and Pests, Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA)  
Honey in the Comb, Carl E. Killion  
Honey Plants of North America, John H. Lovell  
How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey, Walter T. Kelley  
Increase Essentials, Lawrence John Connor  
Natural Beekeeping Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Ross Conrad  
The New Starting Right with Bees, 21<sup>st</sup> Edition, Kim Flottum  
The Backyard Beekeeper, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Kim Flottum  
The Biology of the Honey Bee, Mark L. Winston  
The Hive and the Honey Bee, edited by Dadant and Sons  
What Do You Know? Clarence H. Collison  
Wisdom of the Hive, Thomas D. Seeley  
**\*\*top picks for new beekeepers**

### Books for Kids:

The Bee Tree, Patricia Polacco  
The Life and Times of the Honeybee, Charles Micucci  
The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive, Joanna Cole  
Questions and Answers about Bees, Betty P. Reigot

### Value-Added and Hive Crafts

Bee Hive Alchemy, Petra Ahnert  
Beeswax Alchemy, Petra Ahnert  
Beeswax Crafting, Robert Berthold Jr.  
Super Formulas, Elaine C. White

### Books / Articles to Attract Bees to Your Garden & Honey Plants Identification

100 Plants to Feed the Bees, Xerces Society  
Attracting Native Pollinators, Xerces Society  
Garden Plants for Honey Bees, Peter Lindtner  
Honey Plants of North America, Harvey B. Lovell<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Insect Pollination of Cultivated Crop Plants, S.E. McGregor, USDA  
Kansas Prairie Wildflowers by Clenton E. Owensby  
Missouri Wildflowers, Edgar Denison, Missouri Dept. of Conservation  
Pollinator Friendly Gardening, Rhonda Fleming Hayes  
Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers-A Field Guide, Doug Ladd<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Native Prairie Hay Meadows: A Landowner's Management Guide - <http://kindscher.faculty.ku.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/PrairieHayMeadows-print.pdf>

**Journals:**

*American Bee Journal*, Dadant and Sons, Inc., Hamilton, Ill.

[www.Americanbeejournal.com](http://www.Americanbeejournal.com) choose “ABJ Extra” to sign up for their online newsletter and breaking news stories

*Bee Culture*, A.I. Root Co., Medina, Ohio

[www.Beeculture.com](http://www.Beeculture.com)—Go to their website and choose “Catch the Buzz” subscribe (free)

Both journals include digital information, Pod casts, Webinars, and “Breaking News” via email throughout the month.

**Beekeeping Supplies and Equipment**

\*\*\*Catalogs are a great source of accurate, up-to-date information.

Dadant & Sons  
1318 11 St.  
Sioux City IA 51102  
[www.dadant.com](http://www.dadant.com)

Blue Sky Bee Supply  
930 N. Freedom  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
[www.blueskybeesupply.com](http://www.blueskybeesupply.com)

Mann Lake Ltd.  
501 1st Street South  
Hackensack, MN 56452  
[www.mannlakeltd.com](http://www.mannlakeltd.com)

Jordy’s Honey  
Robert Hughes, owner  
14054 W. 107<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
913.681.5777  
[Beekeepers.com](http://Beekeepers.com)

Chad Gilliland  
Dadant Dealer - Kansas  
23338 Kissinger Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
785.491.1978  
[nexttonaturefarm@gmail.com](mailto:nexttonaturefarm@gmail.com)  
[nexttonaturefarm.com](http://nexttonaturefarm.com)

Many farm and hardware stores now carry Harvest Lane Honey beekeeping supplies; TSC, Orscheln Farm and Home and many locally owned companies -Cottin’s Hardware in Lawrence, KS, 785.843.2981

Tarwater Farm & Home Supply in Topeka, KS (Mann Lake Products) 785.286.2390

**Recipes and Marketing Information:****National Honey Board**

11409 Business Park Circle, Suite 210, Firestone, CO 80504-9200  
303.776.2337 [www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com), [www.NHB.org](http://www.NHB.org)

Honey Locator—find your favorite varietal honey.

Great source for the latest news from the honey industry.

## **Informative Web Sites**

WARNING: know where you are getting your information. There is a lot of false information on the internet but it can also be an excellent resource. Investigate some of these sites for reliable help.

### **Biology—basic beekeeping**

Bee Source - <http://www.beesource.com/>

Mid-Atlantic Apiculture Research & Extension Consortium – MAAREC

<https://agdev.anr.udel.edu/maarec/>

University of Nebraska-Entomology-Extension - <https://entomology.unl.edu/>

<https://bees.cals.iastate.edu>

[PPP-116-2.indd \(purdue.edu\)](http://www.beeculture.com/storycms/index.cfm?cat=Story&recordID=180) The Complex Life of the Honey bee (Purdue Extension)

<http://www.beeculture.com/storycms/index.cfm?cat=Story&recordID=180>

### **Ways to Acquire bees and spring management**

<https://www.beelab.umn.edu/resources-beekeepers/videos>

series of EXCELLENT videos on lighting your smoker to testing for varroa

<http://basicbeekeeping.blogspot.com/2007/12/lesson-19-requeening-hive.html>

### **Where to place your hives**

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/deciding-where-to-locate-your-bee-hives.html>

<http://smallfarm.about.com/od/beekeeping/ss/How-To-Inspect-A-Behive.htm>

### **Diseases and Pests**

\*\*Honey Bee Health Coalition—wide ranging information on honey bee health and best practice beekeeping. <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/>

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/> - Tools for Varroa Management (free download—booklet on varroa) Varroa decision making guide.

Disease Management and Guidelines for the Honey Bee | NC State Extension Publications (ncsu.edu)

Pests & Diseases - Texas Apiary Inspection Service (TAIS) (tamu.edu)

(Field guide to honeybees and their maladies.pdf (nybeewellness.org) Penn State publication

Life cycle of bee w/varroa mite <https://vimeo.com/124763307>  
Sampling for varroa mites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyQePsdKw0w>

### **Small hive beetle**

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/ar/archive/nov07/beetle1107.htm>

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/beekeepers/fact-sheets-publications/small-hive-beetle.html>

(American Foul Brood--MAAREC)

<https://agdev.anr.udel.edu/maarec/honey-bee-biology/honey-bee-parasites-pests-predators-and-diseases/diseases-of-honey-bees/?pid=91>

[Learning From Deadout Inspections PerfectBee](#)

### **Fall management:**

<http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/resources/ohio-fact-sheets/fall-and-winter-management/>

<https://www.homestead.org/beekeeping/wintering-bees>

### **NEKBA favorites:**

**University of Nebraska** <https://entomology.unl.edu/bee-lab>

UNL offers a range of classes from beginner to Master Beekeeper. Check out their beekeeping resources for accurate information about bee health. Dr. Judy Wu-Smart

**Ohio State University Extension**, OSU Honeybee Laboratory. Dr. Jim Tew

Follow Dr. Tew and listen to his webinars and pod casts

<https://u.osu.edu/beelab/webinar-recordings/>

### **Mid-Atlantic Apiculture**

<http://MAAREC.cas.psu.edu/topics.htm>--Research from U. of Penn., Ag Ext.

Randy Oliver <http://www.ScientificBeekeeping.com>

[www.gobeekeeping.com](http://www.gobeekeeping.com)--excellent educational site

### **The Pollinator Planting and identification**

<https://www.pollinator.org/guides>

<https://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=KS>

<https://www.kswildflower.org/>

<https://plantnativeks.weebly.com>

Barr's Bee Source

[www.beesource.com](http://www.beesource.com)--woodworking plans and educational articles

**University of Minnesota:** <https://www.beelab.umn.edu>

Check out educational videos by Gary Reuter et.al.

Dr. Marla Spivak, TED talk:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/marla\\_spivak\\_why\\_bees\\_are\\_disappearing](https://www.ted.com/talks/marla_spivak_why_bees_are_disappearing)

<https://extension.umn.edu/>

### **NEKBA Officers 2021 (100's of years of beekeeping experience)**

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#### **Special Events Coordinator, Position #2 (Bee Funday)**

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### **Beekeeping Groups Around Kansas:**

**STATE ASSOCIATION: Kansas Honey Producers**, Supports beekeepers across the entire state.

Meets semi-annually (March & October). [www.kansashoneyproducers.org](http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org)

Robert Burns, Treasurer 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission, KS 66202, [rburnshoney@gmail.com](mailto:rburnshoney@gmail.com)

On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/KansasHoneyProducers](http://www.facebook.com/KansasHoneyProducers)

### Northeast Kansas

- **Northeast Kansas Beekeepers Assn.**, meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at 2110 Harper St., Lawrence KS., Bldg. 21 N. Our club has a Facebook link and website; <http://www.nekba.org/>
- **Shawnee County Area Beekeeping monthly class**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 at the Shawnee North Community Center, 300 NE 43<sup>rd</sup> St., Topeka KS. contact Becky Tipton at [bstbees@embarqmail.com](mailto:bstbees@embarqmail.com) 785-484-3710

### Southeast Kansas

- **Heartland Beekeepers Association of Southeast Kansas, Pittsburg KS** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30-8:45 pm at Pittsburg State University, Yates Hall room 102 –google them, they communicate by Facebook. <https://www.hbasek.org/>
- **Golden Prairie Beekeepers Association**, Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Garnett County Extension Office, 411 S. Oak, Garnett KS. Marlin McGowin, 785-433-1381
- **Montgomery County Bee Keepers Association**, Independence, KS  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
Contact: John Blount 620-515-3977
- **Cherokee County Area Beekeepers**, Columbus KS meet at the Cherokee County K-State Research and Extension Office, 124 W County Rd. Columbus KS 66725, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, contact them by Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CCABclub/>
- **Flint Hill Beekeepers, Emporia KS** meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Extension office 2632 W Us Highway 50. For information contact Jane King at 620-341-3645

### North Central Kansas

- **Konza Beekeepers Assn. Manhattan Kansas**,  
2nd Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm @ Sunset Zoo 2333 Oak Street, Manhattan, KS 66502, USA  
[konzabeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:konzabeekeepers@gmail.com)
- **Central Kansas Area-Morford Lavender Farm**, 1376 18th Rd., Kanopolis, Kansas Phone: (785) 472-4984. Join the Morford Lavender Farm Facebook-for notifications of the beekeeper meetings that they host.

### South Central Kansas

- **Wichita Area Beekeepers South Central Kansas Honey Producers Association SCKHPA** in Yahoo Groups (KS - local affiliate) - South Central KS (FB) They meet at the Great Plains Nature Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm.
- **South Central Kansas Beekeepers Assoc.**  
Winfield, KS Contact: Richard Harvey  
620-442-8332

### Western Kansas

- **Western Kansas Beekeepers**, Meet bi-monthly various locations in western Kansas. Backyard hobbyists to small-scale commercial beekeepers. For information or to be added to the contact list: Carolyn Simpson, [crs@wbsnet.org](mailto:crs@wbsnet.org) / 960-765-0098 or Greg Swob [gswob@mwenergy.com](mailto:gswob@mwenergy.com) / 785-639-7766

## **National Associations:**

### **American Beekeeping Federation**

Membership Services

3525 Piedmont Road, Building 5, Suite 300

Atlanta, GA 30305

[www.abfnet.org](http://www.abfnet.org)

ABF “e-Buzz” quarterly newsletter

### **American Honey Producers Association**

Carrie Jensen, P. O. Box 158

Power, MT 59468

<http://americanhoneyproducers.org>

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