

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
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, 2nd Edition, Ross Conrad
The New Starting Right with Bees, 21st Edition, Kim Flottum
The Backyard Beekeeper, 4th 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^{[1][SEP]}
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^{[1][SEP]}
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 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—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

Blue Sky Bee Supply
930 N. Freedom
Ravenna, OH 44266
www.blueskybeesupply.com

Mann Lake Ltd.
501 1st Street South
Hackensack, MN 56452
www.mannlakeltd.com

Jordy’s Honey
Robert Hughes, owner
14054 W. 107th Street
Lenexa, KS 66215
913.681.5777
Beekeepers.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, 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.purdue.edu/extension/PPP-116-2.indd) The Complex Life of the Honey Bee (Purdue Extension)
<http://www.beeeculture.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--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--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://extension.umn.edu/>

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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

Robert Burns, Treasurer 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission, KS 66202, rburnshoney@gmail.com

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

Northeast Kansas

- **Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn.**, meets the 3rd 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**, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 at the Shawnee North Community Center, 300 NE 43rd St., Topeka KS. contact Becky Tipton at bstbees@embarqmail.com 785-484-3710

Southeast Kansas

- **Heartland Beekeepers Association of Southeast Kansas, Pittsburg KS** meets the 1st 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 2nd 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 2nd 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, 3rd 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 2nd 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
- **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 2nd 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 / 960-765-0098 or Greg Swob 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

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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