

## Resources for Better Beekeeping

### Books

ABC and XYZ of Bee Culture, A. I. Root

Bee-essentials—A Field Guide, Lawrence John Connor

Beekeeping Basics, Penn State (downloadable 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

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 & Lawrence John Connor

Honey Bee Democracy, Thomas D. Seeley

Honey Bee Diseases and Pests, Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA)

Honey Bees and Beekeeping--A Year in the Life of an Apiary, Keith S. Delaplane, Ph.D. (companion DVD)

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

### Value-Added and Hive Crafts

Bee Hive Alchemy, Petra Ahnert

Beeswax Alchemy, Petra Ahnert

Beeswax Crafting, Robert Berthold Jr.

Super Formulas, Elaine C. White

### Bees and Plants

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

Kansas Prairie Wildflowers by Clenton E. Owensby

Pollinator Friendly Gardening, Rhonda Fleming Hayes

Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers-A Field Guide, Doug Ladd

### Magazines

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

[www.Americanbeejournal.com](http://www.Americanbeejournal.com)

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

[www.Beeculture.com](http://www.Beeculture.com) choose "Catch the Buzz" subscribe (free)

## Equipment & Supplies

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

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

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

Betterbee  
8 Meader Road  
Greenwich, NY 12834  
1-800-632-3379  
Betterbee.com

Many farm and hardware stores now carry Harvest Lane Honey beekeeping supplies: TSC, Bomgaars, 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. Keep in mind when shopping at these locations a "bee expert" won't be available to help you with questions. It is also advisable to call ahead and make sure they have on hand what you need.

## Reliable Web Sites

### Acquiring bees and spring management

Videos on lighting your smoker to testing for varroa  
<https://beelab.umn.edu/videos>

**Best Management Practices for Hive Health** -[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)

### Biology—basic beekeeping

<http://www.beesource.com/>  
<https://www.betterbee.com/instructions-and-resources/how-to-be-a-beekeeper.asp>  
<https://thebeesupply.com/pages/bee-help-questions>  
<https://ag.purdue.edu/departement/extension/ppp/resources/ppp-publications/ppp-116-pol-9.html>  
<https://beelab.umn.edu/manuals>

## **Diseases and Pests**

Honey Bee Health Coalition—Information on honey bee health and best practice beekeeping.

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/>

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/resources/varroa-management/>

- Tools for Varroa Management (free download—booklet on varroa) Varroa decision making guide: [https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HBHC-Guide\\_Varroa-Mgmt\\_8thEd-082422.pdf](https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HBHC-Guide_Varroa-Mgmt_8thEd-082422.pdf)
- Varroa Management Decision-making Tool: [https://cantilever-instruction.com/varrootool/story\\_html5.html](https://cantilever-instruction.com/varrootool/story_html5.html)

Life cycle of bee w/varroa mite-<https://vimeo.com/124763307>

Sampling for varroa mites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyQePsdKw0w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgPft9FQxLc>

Penn State – A Field Guide to Honey Bees and their Maladies

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/pdf/fieldguidetohoneybees.pdf>

## **Small hive beetle**

<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/publications/PDF/FSA-7075.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/IN854>

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

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/southeast-area/baton-rouge-la/honeybeelab/docs/small-hive-beetles/>

## **Hive Inspections**

<https://www.beeculture.com/how-to-inspect-evaluate-your-hive/>

<https://www.dadant.com/learn/bee-hive-inspection/>

Learning from Deadout Inspections

<https://www.perfectbee.com/beekeeping-articles/learning-from-deadout-inspections>

<https://www.betterbee.com/instructions-and-resources/how-did-my-bees-die.asp?srsId=AfmBOorUJiVXnkoxdOesEvHqz0SiPUjBMGaYyFU2u8ctvXw2LVj-wBIY>

## **Fall management:**

<https://www.honeybeesuite.com/fall-management-of-honey-bees/>

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

## University & Extension Web Sites

University of Nebraska

<https://entomology.unl.edu/bee-lab>

UNL offers a range of classes from beginner to Master Beekeeper. 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 podcasts

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

University of Minnesota

<https://www.beelab.umn.edu>

<https://extension.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)

Randy Oliver- <https://www.ScientificBeekeeping.com>

## PodCasts

Beekeeping Today Podcast, Hosts: Jeff Ott & Becky Masterman

Honey Bee Obscura, Hosts: Jim Tew & Anne Frey of Betterbee

Pollination, Adony Melathopoulos, Oregon State Extension

2 Bees in a Podcast, Dr. Jamie Ellis & Amy Vu, UF/IFAS Honey Bee Lab

## **The Pollinator Planting and Identification**

<https://www.beeandbutterflyfund.org/habitat-guide.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_honey\\_plants](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_honey_plants)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Northern\\_American\\_nectar\\_sources\\_for\\_honey\\_bees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Northern_American_nectar_sources_for_honey_bees)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_pollen\\_sources](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_pollen_sources)

<https://www.horizontalhive.com/download-free/american-honey-plants-pellett.pdf>

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

<http://kindscher.faculty.ku.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/PrairieHayMeadows-print.pdf>

[https://www.beeandbutterflyfund.org/uploads/1/3/3/3/133320811/habitatguideinteractive7\\_22\\_21.pdf](https://www.beeandbutterflyfund.org/uploads/1/3/3/3/133320811/habitatguideinteractive7_22_21.pdf)

[f](#) - Native Prairie Hay Meadows: A Landowner's Management Guide

<https://plantnativeks.weebly.com>

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

<https://www.wildflower.org/collections/>

## USDA Downloads

Beekeeping in the United States, USDA Ag Handbook

[https://search.nal.usda.gov/discovery/delivery/01NAL\\_INST:MAIN/12284938840007426](https://search.nal.usda.gov/discovery/delivery/01NAL_INST:MAIN/12284938840007426)

Insect Pollination of Cultivated Crops, S.E. McGregor, USDA

[https://search.nal.usda.gov/discovery/delivery/01NAL\\_INST:MAIN/12286758770007426](https://search.nal.usda.gov/discovery/delivery/01NAL_INST:MAIN/12286758770007426)

## NEKBA Officers 2025 (100's of years of beekeeping experience)

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## Beekeeping Groups Around Kansas:

### Kansas Honey Producers Association

Meets semi-annually for 2-day meetings in Spring and Fall. [www.kansashoneyproducers.org](http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org)

### 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 in Bldg. 21 N., 2110 Harper St., Lawrence KS. Facebook link and website; <http://www.nekba.org/>
- **Shawnee County Area Beekeeping Class**, Shawnee North Community Center, 300 NE 43<sup>rd</sup> St., Topeka KS. Becky Tipton at [bstbees@gmail.com](mailto:bstbees@gmail.com) 785-484-3710.

### Southeast Kansas

- **Heartland Beekeepers Association of Southeast Kansas**, Meet in Pittsburg KS the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at Bert Harris Agriculture Center. Facebook. <https://www.hbasek.org/>
- **Montgomery County Bee Keepers Association**, Independence, KS  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm, Independence Community College West.  
John Blount 620-515-3977
- **Cherokee County Area Beekeepers**, Columbus, KS. Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Cherokee County K-State Research and Extension Office, 124 W County Rd. Columbus, KS 66725. Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CCABclub/>
- **Coffey County Beekeepers** Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the Coffey County Library at 7:00 pm. Tiny Jackson 620-481-1275

- **Flint Hills Beekeepers**, Emporia, KS. Quarterly meetings. [Flinthillsbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:Flinthillsbeekeepers@gmail.com), Willie Ward – 816-309-7092. On Facebook and YouTube: Flint Hills Beekeepers.

#### North Central Kansas

- **North Central Kansas Beekeepers** Meets in Salina, KS at Rolling Hills Zoo. Nikki Bowman 785-477-0836. [nikkibfarm@gmail.com](mailto:nikkibfarm@gmail.com). For open apiary events scheduled in Riley, contact Nikki Bowman.

#### 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.
- **Ad Astra Apiary Conservatory** Meet in Hutchinson the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm. 1125 N. Main St. Contact Sheila Goscha- [north10apiary@gmail.com](mailto:north10apiary@gmail.com)
- **Wichita Beekeeper Alliance** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:00 pm, various locations. Contact James Carpenter of Carps Bees.

#### Western Kansas

- **Western Kansas Beekeepers** Meet bi-monthly various locations in western Kansas. Backyard hobbyists to small-scale commercial beekeepers. Greg Swob, [gs wob@mwenergy.com](mailto:gs wob@mwenergy.com), 785-639-7766.
- **SW Kansas Beekeepers** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday with open apiary. Contact Jade Like [4and30farms@gmail.com](mailto:4and30farms@gmail.com)

#### Open to all beekeepers

**Great Plains Master Beekeeping Program (GPMB)** <https://gpmb.unl.edu> An educational program for beekeepers to further education. This program will provide training, education, outreach, and mentoring for beginning and advanced beekeepers.

#### National Associations:

##### American Beekeeping Federation

136 Everett Rd  
Albany, NY 12205  
518-694-9793  
[www.abfnet.org](http://www.abfnet.org)

##### American Honey Producers Association

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##### Eastern Apiculture Society

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<https://easternapiculture.org/>

##### Heartland Apiculture Society

Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda  
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University of Tennessee  
Knoxville, TN 39701  
<https://www.heartlandbees.org/>

##### National Honey Board

11409 Business Park Circle  
Suite 210, Firestone, CO 80504-9200  
303-776-2337  
[www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com)

##### North American Honey Bee Expo

<https://www.nahbexpo.com/>

