



Help Bees

Ways you can help...

Plant 'bee friendly' plants in clumps in your garden and let the vegetables flower. Bees love lavender, rosemary, sage, thyme, mint, perennial basil, and borage flowers. Don't forget the trees like Lindens!

Use no pesticides or herbicides in your garden. For 'bee friendly' pest management try companion planting.

Buy organic and bio-dynamic produce that has been locally and sustainably grown.

Buy and eat local honey!



About

Visit our website:

<http://www.NEKBA.org>

🐝 Up-to-date program information.

🐝 Membership information

🐝 Event Calendar

🐝 Special Event Registration

🐝 Links to Beekeeping Info

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Look for Monthly Meetings:

Douglas County

Fairgrounds 2120 Harper Av
Lawrence, KS

Members receive a monthly newsletter. Meetings dates & locations are announced monthly. Books and resource materials are available for monthly check-out by members.

We are Not-for-Profit IRC 501(c)5. Come volunteer with us! 🐝

WELCOME TO BEEKEEPING



**NORTHEASTERN KANSAS
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

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GETTING STARTED

Welcome to beekeeping!

Keeping honey bees can be a fascinating hobby with many benefits to you, your community, the planet, and the bees!

Getting started can be summarized in a few steps:

- Get educated; join a bee group; take some classes.
- Do some reading.
- Find a location.
- Decide on the type of equipment you want.
- Find a source for bees.
- Manage your hive.

Why beekeeping? It's the back-to-nature hobby that has many people buzzing. Honey bees are an interesting and exciting social insect. Besides pollination, making honey for food, and beeswax, how bees live, work, and reproduce has intrigued humans since before recorded history.

Education is the most important step to successful beekeeping and will greatly increase your chances of enjoying a long and happy relationship with your bees. A beginner class is invaluable for getting good basics. Even longtime beekeepers are sometimes challenged by new problems and are learning throughout their time with the bees.

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association has a great mixture of beginners, hobbyists, and well-seasoned beekeepers. There are so many different areas of knowledge that at first it can be daunting. Do not despair, and remember that there is more than one right way to do things.

So, what are you waiting for?

www.nekba.org

Other affiliates:

www.kansashoneyproducers.org (KS)

www.midwesternbeekeepers.org (MO)

www.mostatebeekeepers.org (MO)

Castes and Roles

The Queen's Job

- Lays eggs, up to 1,500 in one day in the spring
- Keeps the worker bees calm
- Mother of the colony

The Drone's Job

- Mates with the queen
- Keeps the worker bees happy

The Worker's Job

- Builds the hive
- Cleans and guards the hive
- Takes care of the queen
- Feeds all of the bees
- Cares for all the young bees
- Collects pollen and nectar from flowers
- Makes honey for food

Fun Facts

- Honey bees are the only insects that produce human food
- Insects are the most efficient pollinators
- Bees fly at 9-15 MPH