

# INFORMATION ABOUT BEEKEEPING

## ***NATIONAL BEE EQUIPMENT DEALERS***

Betterbee Inc., 8 Meader Road, Greenwich, NY 12834.

INFO & FAX: 518-692-9802.

ORDER: 800-632-3379.

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

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, 610 Bethany Church Rd., Moravian Falls, NC 28654.

INFO: 336-921-3640.

FAX: 336-921-2681.

ORDER: 800-233-7929.

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

Dadant & Sons, Inc., P.O. Box 267, Waverly, NY 14892.

INFO: 607-565-2860.

FAX: 607-565-3710.

ORDER: 877-532-3268.

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

Humble Abodes, Inc., 636 Coopers Mills Rd., Windsor, ME 04369.

INFO: 877-423-3269.

FAX: 207-549-5512.

E-mail: [humbleabodes@prexar.com](mailto:humbleabodes@prexar.com)

F.W. Jones & Sons LTD., 44 Dutch Street, Bedford, Quebec, Canada JOJ 1A0.

INFO: 450-248-3323. 800-665-6637

E-mail: [info@fwjones.com](mailto:info@fwjones.com)

Walter T. Kelley Co., P.O. Box 240, Clarkson, KY 42726.

INFO: 270- 242-2012.

FAX: 270-242-4801.

ORDER: 800-233-2899.

E-mail: [sales@kelleybees.com](mailto:sales@kelleybees.com)

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

Mann Lake Supply, 501 S. 1st St., Hackensack, MN 56452.

ORDER: 1-800-880-7694.

INFO: 218-675-6688.

FAX: 218-675- 6156.

E-mail: [beekeeper@mannlakeltd.com](mailto:beekeeper@mannlakeltd.com)

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

Maxant Industries, P.O. Box 454A, Ayer, MA 01432.  
INFO: 978-772-0576.  
FAX: 978-772-6365.  
E-mail: [sales@maxantindustries.com](mailto:sales@maxantindustries.com)

Mid-Con, 1150 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Suite D, Olathe, KS 66061-5881.  
INFO: 913-768-8967.  
ORDER: 800-547-1392.  
FAX: 913-768-8968.  
[www.mid-conagri.com](http://www.mid-conagri.com)

Rossmann Apiaries, Inc., P.O. Box 909, Moultrie, GA 31776.  
ORDER: 800-333-7677.  
FAX: 229-985-0209.  
INFO: 229-985-7200.  
[www.gabees.com](http://www.gabees.com)

### **VERMONT BEE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS**

Mr. John Tardie, 79 Center Rd., Essex Junction, VT 05452.  
INFO: 802-878-4500 or 899-5464. E-mail: [johntardie05489@msn.com](mailto:johntardie05489@msn.com)

Mr. Lynn Lang, 405 Browns River Rd., Essex Junction, VT 05452.  
INFO: 802-897-7977.  
E-mail: [langfarm@together.net](mailto:langfarm@together.net)

### **BEES & QUEENS**

All shipments of bees into Vermont require a valid Health Certificate from the state of origin. There may be additional requirements for full size colonies; check with the State Apiculturist. As the situation with Africanized Bees or other pests changes in the U.S., restrictions may again be imposed on bee shipments into Vermont. **Reminder:** *All bee colonies are required by law to be registered with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture.* Contact the Apiculturist for an application.

*Vermont Bee Suppliers* - Nucs (N) & Queens (Q) (Call for availability and prices)

Kirk Webster, P.O. Box 381, Middlebury, VT 05753. 802-758-2501. (N & Q)

Singing Cedars Apiaries, 77 Singing Cedars Road, Orwell, VT 05760. 802-948-2057 or 537-2498. (N)

**Package Bee & Queen Suppliers - National**

The following is a partial list of queen and package bee suppliers. Check the bee magazines for a complete listing. (P) package, (Q) queens, (P&Q) denotes both. Write or call for prices and strain(s) of bees sold. Order early for best shipping dates. Many companies will no longer ship packages to Vermont due to the distance involved. Contact the companies for shipping policies.

Avoyelles Honey Co., Inc., P.O. Box 280, Moreauville, LA 71355.  
318-964-2592 or 318-201-5379. (Q)

Betterbee Inc., 8 Meader Road, Greenwich, NY 12834.  
INFO & FAX: 518-692-9802. ORDER: 800-632-3379  
[www.betterbee.com](http://www.betterbee.com) (P&Q) (P): pick-up only

Drew Apiaries, 113 Puett St., Hahira, GA 31632. 229-794-2564 or 800-831-6705. (Q)

John Foster Apiaries, P.O. Box 699, Esparto, CA 95627. 530-787-3044.  
FAX: 530-787-1905. E-mail: [sales@bz-bee.com](mailto:sales@bz-bee.com)  
[www.bz-bee.com](http://www.bz-bee.com). (Q)

Gardner's Apiaries, 510 Patterson Road, Baxley, GA 31513. 912-367-9352.  
FAX: 912-367-7047. (P&Q)

Hardeman Apiaries, P.O. Box 214, Mt. Vernon, GA 30445. 912-583-2710.  
FAX: 912-583-4920. (Q)

Harper's Honey Farm, 421 Louveteau Road, Carencro, LA 70520. 337-298-6261.  
E-mail: [labeeman@russianbreeder.com](mailto:labeeman@russianbreeder.com) (Breeder Queens).

Heitkam's Honey Bees, 25815 Post Ave., Orland, CA 95963. 530-865-9562.  
FAX: 530-865-7839. (Q)

Holt's Apiaries, 132 Holt's Lane, Siloam, NC 27047. 336-710-4904 or 336-374-4921.  
(P&Q)

Homan-McMasters Apiaries, 518 CR 520, Shannon, MS 38868. 662-767-3880 or  
662 401-3254 . FAX: 662-767-3490. (Q)

H & R Apiaries, P.O. Box 307, Jesup, GA 31598. 912-427-7311.  
FAX: 912-427-4131. (P&Q)

Jester Bee Co., P.O. Box 87, West Ridge, AR 72391. 870-531-2373.  
FAX: 870-531-2369. ORDER: 800-294-2373. E-mail: [jesterbee@eritter.net](mailto:jesterbee@eritter.net)  
[www.jesterbee.com](http://www.jesterbee.com) (P&Q)

Walter T. Kelley Co., P.O. Box 240, Clarkson, KY 42726. 270-242-2012.  
FAX: 270-242-4801. ORDER: 1-800-233-2899. E-mail: [sales@kelleybees.com](mailto:sales@kelleybees.com)  
[www.kelleybees.com](http://www.kelleybees.com) (P&Q)

C.F. Koehnen & Sons, Inc., 3131 Hwy 45, Glenn, CA 95943. 530-891-5216 or 530-934-5216. FAX: 530-934-2613. [www.koehnen.com](http://www.koehnen.com) (P&Q)

Kona Queen Hawaii, P.O. Box 768, Captain Cook, HI 96704. 808-328-9016. FAX: 808-328-9460. E-mail: [queenbee@aloha.net](mailto:queenbee@aloha.net)  
[www.konaqueen.com](http://www.konaqueen.com) (Q)

Lohman Apiaries, 6437 Wagner Road, Arbuckle, CA 95912. 530-476-2322. (P&Q)

Long Creek Apiaries, Inc., 3223 Long Creek Rd., Parrottsville, TN 37843. 423-623-2345. FAX: 423-613-4567. (P&Q). E-mail: [longcreekbees1@bellsouth.net](mailto:longcreekbees1@bellsouth.net)

Edward Norman Apiaries, 121 Honeycomb Lane, Ramer, AL 36069. 334-562-3357. 866-562-3357. (P&Q). [www.normanbees.com](http://www.normanbees.com)

Norton's Honey Farm, 330 Irvin St., Reidsville, NC 27320-3648. 336-342-4490 or 336-543-7734. (Q) [www.mybeebusiness.com](http://www.mybeebusiness.com).

Olivarez Honey Bees, Inc., 1750 Dayton Rd., Chico, CA 95928. 530-865-0298. (P&Q) FAX: 530-865-5570. 877-865-0298 E-mail: [info@ohbees.com](mailto:info@ohbees.com)  
[www.ohbees.com](http://www.ohbees.com)

Powell Apiaries, 4140 Co. Rd. KK, Orland, CA 95963. 530-865-3346. FAX: 530-865-3043. (Q)

Rossman Apiaries, Inc., P.O. Box 909, Moultrie, GA 31776. ORDER: 1-800-333-7677. FAX: 229-985-0209. E-mail: [rossmanbees@alltel.net](mailto:rossmanbees@alltel.net)  
[www.gabees.com](http://www.gabees.com) (P&Q)

Shumans Apiaries, 949 Bill Morris Road, Baxley, GA 31513. 912-367-2243. (Q)

Strachan Apiaries, Inc., 2522 Tierra Buena Road, Yuba City, CA 95993. INFO: 530-674-3881. FAX: 530-674-5802. ORDER ONLY: 800-368-3881. E-mail: [orders@strachanbees.com](mailto:orders@strachanbees.com)  
[www.strachanbees.com](http://www.strachanbees.com) (Q)

Taber's Queens, P.O. Box 1672, Vacaville, CA 95696. 707-449-0440. FAX: 707-449-8127. [www.honeybeegenetics.com](http://www.honeybeegenetics.com) (P&Q)

Wilbanks Apiaries, Inc., P.O. Box 12, Claxton, GA 30417. 912-739-4820. FAX: 912-739-4821. (Q)

### **Beekeeping Journals and Associations**

The following monthly journals have national and international distribution. They are

available on a subscription basis by writing to the publishers. Sample copies available upon request, from the publishers listed below.

The American Bee Journal, Dadant and Sons, 51 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, IL 62341.  
[www.dadant.com](http://www.dadant.com)

Bee Culture, A.I. Root Co., 623 W. Liberty St., Medina, OH 44256. 800-289-7668  
[www.BeeCulture.com](http://www.BeeCulture.com)

The Speedy Bee, (newspaper format) P.O. Box 998, Jesup, GA 31545.

### **National/Regional/State Bee Associations**

American Beekeeping Federation, P.O. Box 1038, Jesup, GA 31598.  
912-427-4233. FAX: 912-427-8447. E-mail: [info@ABFnet.org](mailto:info@ABFnet.org)  
[www.ABFnet.org](http://www.ABFnet.org)

American Honey Producers Association, P.O. Box 158, Power, MT 59468.  
406-463-2227 or 406-463-2217. FAX: 406-463-2583.  
[www.americanhoneyproducers.org](http://www.americanhoneyproducers.org)

Eastern Apicultural Society  
[www.easternapiculture.org](http://www.easternapiculture.org)

Vermont Beekeepers Assoc., P.O. Box 764, Burlington, VT 05402-0764.  
[www.vtbeekeepers.org](http://www.vtbeekeepers.org)

### ***HONEY PROMOTION & INFORMATION***

National Honey Board, 390 Lashley St., Longmont, CO 80501-6045.  
1-800-553-7162. 303-776-2337.  
[www.nhb.org](http://www.nhb.org) [www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com)

## **BEEKEEPING BOOKS**

There have been thousands of books published on all aspects of apiculture. The following brief list includes several titles of interest to beekeepers of all skill levels. Check the various bee equipment suppliers and the bee journals for titles of interest to you.

1. The ABC & XYZ of Bee Culture, edited and written by R.A. Morse and Kim Flottum. A.I. Root Co., Medina, OH. 516 pages. 1990.
2. The Hive and the Honey Bee, edited by Dadant & Sons. Dadant and Sons, Inc., Hamilton, IL. 1324 pages. 1992.
3. A Year in the Beeyard, by Roger A. Morse. Wicwas Press, Beekeeping Education Service, P.O. Box 817, Cheshire, CT 06410-0817. 166 pages. 1983.
4. The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Beekeeping, by Roger A. Morse and Ted Hooper, editors. Wicwas Press, P.O. Box 817, Cheshire, CT. 432 pages. 1985.
5. Rearing Queen Honey Bees, by Roger A. Morse. Wicwas Press, P.O. Box 817, Cheshire, CT. 128 pages. 1979.
6. Honey Bee Pests, Predators and Diseases, edited by Roger A. Morse and Kim Flottum, Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY 14851. 718 pages. 1998.
7. Beeswax: Production, Harvesting, Processing and Products, by William L. Coggshall and R.A. Morse. Wicwas Press, P.O. Box 817, Cheshire, CT. 192 pages. 1984.
8. The Backyard Beekeeper, by Kim Flottum. Root Publications, Medina, OH. 165 pages. 2006.
9. Beekeeping, A Practical Guide, by Richard E. Bonney. Wicwas Press, P.O. Box 817, Cheshire, CT. 1993.
10. Beekeeping Basics, MAAREC. The Pennsylvania State University. CAT AGRS-93. 98 pages. 2004.

### **Slide Sets, Videos**

There are many excellent slide sets and videos now available. One major supplier in the Northeast is Beekeeping Education Service, P.O. Box 817, Cheshire, CT 06410-0817. E-mail: [LJConnor@aol.com](mailto:LJConnor@aol.com), or [www.wicwas.com](http://www.wicwas.com). This supplier also stocks most bee books, (even some out of print), including those listed here. Contact Mr.

Connor for a listing of what is currently available. Also check the major equipment supply catalogs for newly released book titles and videos.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The United States Department of Agriculture has honey bee research laboratories in Arizona, Louisiana, Maryland, Texas, and Utah. These labs maintain a close association with the state land-grant colleges, and some teaching and extension are usually done with persons interested in beekeeping. The USDA has bulletins and leaflets about many aspects of beekeeping. A list of these may be obtained by writing: Bee Research Laboratory, Room 209A, Building 476, BARC-East, Beltsville, MD 20705; [www.barc.usda.gov/psi/brl/](http://www.barc.usda.gov/psi/brl/)

### **THE INTERNET**

There are literally hundreds of references on the internet related to bees and beekeeping. One good place to start is titled "*Where to go for more information on bees*", which can be found at [www.ibra.org.uk/](http://www.ibra.org.uk/). Also see: [www.pollinator.com](http://www.pollinator.com); and [www.nhb.org](http://www.nhb.org).

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture can help with many questions about bees and beekeeping.

Contact:

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VT Agency of Agriculture  
116 State St., Drawer 20,  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2901  
or call 802-828-2431.  
E-mail: [steve.parise@state.vt.us](mailto:steve.parise@state.vt.us);  
[www.vermontagriculture.com](http://www.vermontagriculture.com).

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