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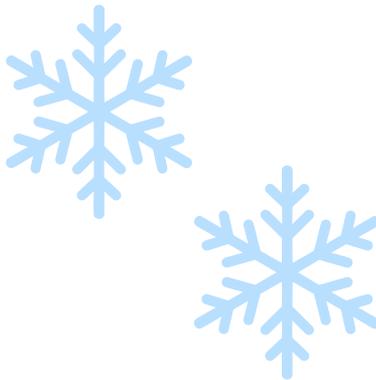


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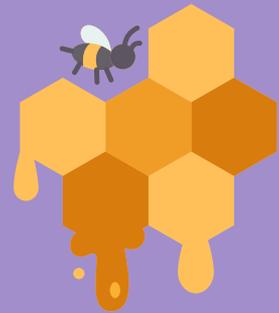
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# Letters from the Wildhills

WELCOME TO 2025!!!

January always has me revving up for the year, I start quoting some movies and usually get the eye roll that can be felt across the room, but LET'S KICK SOME TIRES AND LIGHT SOME FIRES!!

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and is enjoying some of the downtime that winter brings, unless you're Past President Jason Foley, who is probably knee deep in pine shavings building bee boxes. Jason and Shannon probably grew tired of me showing up to pick up packages, walking into the store and asking...hey do you have any bottom boards, or some of this or that? I do enjoy winter though, always have, right now it's December 1, and while it's cold out, there isn't a drop of snow on the ground which makes me a little sad, but come late January, I'll be ready for spring. For now, I am sitting back (a little) and reviewing my checklists of things to have gotten done before it dropped below 40, and I can say, I got all that taken care of. One of my big fall projects was to start clearing out some of the older frames and boxes that have gone a little too far, sort through them, and get them tossed before our next season where I'm in a pinch and trying to make them work again. I was happy to get through most of those, before it got too cold, but my storage shed isn't heated or insulated so the rest will wait until spring. Ideally, I get boxes built over the winter so I can "recruit" my goddaughter and nephew to paint them in the spring. Task management has become a big thing as I have been growing, learning to move faster and make the best use of my time on the nights and weekends.

So, what is going on with me at the moment? We just wrapped up Thanksgiving, but a special friend called COVID hit a couple of the Puetz houses, so we cancelled at the last minute, after I dropped a 25lb turkey and 12lb ham off at Mom and Dads (there are 12 of us total). Mom still made everything, and I got a take-home plate a few days later when I could come to the farm. Even cold, it was better than what I had made. Never underestimate the power of Mom.

So where am I going with this? The downtime gave me time to focus on some needed work on my now small



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business. I've been spending time trying to get supplies ordered in, looking ahead to what I think will be good to offer, and trying to guestimate how much product to deliver to the stores I'm going to be stocking now. Maybe I'll piggyback from my topic at the last Conference in 2025 and talk about the growing pains of turning a hobby into a small business? I used to bottle all my glass honey in pint and quart jars. I do think I'm going to move away from those, moving more into standardized honey jars. It's just a lot faster and avoids me having to go to the store. I also decided on hex jars because of the visual aesthetic of them. I guess, just like guessing what the bees want, what customers want is just as tricky, if not more.

For me, the holidays are always a time to reflect as well, and in the height of my COVID I decided I needed a Hulu subscription, to my surprise, they have a show on that made it easy: M\*A\*S\*H. Watching this takes my back to my childhood, we would eat supper, and before we would clear the table, we would all sit as a family and watch it. The show was my mother's favorite. It got me thinking of my great uncle Lester Deppe. He was in the service, but was also a beekeeper until he passed in the '80s. I wonder what he would have been doing to make sure his bees were healthy and strong. The world then was much different, but even then, I'm sure he would do what was needed to adapt. I think that might be my goal for 2025: adapt. This isn't a hobby for me anymore, it's time to adapt fully into being a beekeeper, honey producer, and continue to grow in this business, which as painful as it may be at



times is something I'm beyond grateful for. There is something to be said about getting our hands dirty and learning something old.

As we look into the new year, start placing orders for nucs and/or packages, what are your goals? Grow your hobby or business? Learn more about keeping bees? Whatever it is, I know the answers are here, in the Iowa Honey Producers Association and the amazing crew known as our 2025 Board and the local clubs. I hope you take full advantage of what this membership offers you.

Cheers to the New Year; let's all have an amazing 2025! Now, let's kick some tires and light some fires!

-Bee real  
Chris Puetz



# IHPA Officer & Director News

## Ramblings from The Russian Bee Guy

Past President, Jason Foley

Hello and welcome to 2025! So last issue I mentioned that shortly thereafter sending the bees to CA and writing my column, that I'd be going on vacation finally. It was an amazing week in the Riviera Maya that my wife and I got to also spend with our very good friends Tyler and Sara Holton.

Besides amazing all-inclusive food and entertainment at the resort, we headed off on a catamaran tour of Isla Mujeres, and a few days later we spent the day exploring the Mayan ruins of Chichén Itzá. No, I did not just say, "chicken pizza" lol. Sun, surf, good company, and fantastic food. Oh! And our friends treated Shannon and I to the fantastic gift of a 75-minute couples massage. What tired beekeeper doesn't need a massage, right? About the only thing we complained about that week is that it was pretty windy during our stay making swimming in the ocean a bit wavy and chilly.

We all flew back and my wife and I headed off on our second week of vacation by going down to Branson, Missouri, and staying at Big Cedar Lodge. We love hitting up Big Cedar Lodge in December because they hang up more lights on the buildings and driving tours than the huge display at Water Works Park here in Des Moines. And we get to see it all for the whole week we are there because we are staying in the middle of it!

We went spelunking, hit up a tiger preserve, a zoo, shopping down on Branson Landing and the historic part of town, we did a rollercoaster, and last but not least took in a variety show one evening. We're now back and due to the previous issue of The Buzz reminding anyone with an expiring membership about it, I got to spend most of a day updating all those submitted memberships lol. My brain is jelly, but I also need to get this Russian Bee Guy Ramblings wrote up cause publishing deadline is right around the corner.



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Outside of the fun we had and the impending Xmas holiday, the girls made it to California without incident and I'll be waking them up with a winter feast on Jan. 3rd. I'm heading out alone on the 3rd to feed all my hives, and those of my friend Andrew Joseph. And then Andrew will be headed out the end of January for a final feeding and grading before the girls get placed into almonds. I can't quite express how great it is to have friends with their own companies and own specialties that a beekeeper can count on. I completely lose track through a year how many times we end up helping each other out with things that pop up.

That leads me to my next bit of big news. While some people may yell and gripe that we didn't "buy

American," Andrew and I both ordered new bee lifts from China and will have them sometime in January here. After tons of research we both couldn't hold back and put in orders. I ordered the GAMA 1500 (comparable to the Hummerbee XTR) and Andrew ordered a GAMA 1000 (comparable to the Hummerbee Turbo). The combined cost of both machines along with all the tariffs, fees, shipping, etc. is still less than if we bought a single Hummerbee. Given the size of our companies it really felt like the right move for the two of us. Andrew got his customized with a dark blue color and I got mine with FRB color scheme and had them swap out all the lights for yellow LEDs. I guess time will tell if it was a good move or not.

Jason Foley



# IHPA Officer & Director News

## The Winter of Discontent

Ah, fall and winter, the seasons of emotional turmoil—not because of the holidays or family gatherings, but because of beekeeping. All summer, our hives are buzzing with activity, and we stack those supers high, feeling like the kings and queens of the beekeeping world. "Look at me! I'll never have to buy bees again! I have tons of honey! I have it all figured out, ask me anything! I'm a beekeeper!" We boast to anyone who will listen.

From March to November, we work tirelessly to prepare our bees for winter. In the spring, it's feed, feed, feed, test and treat for mites. Summer rolls around, and we super up, but not before testing and treating for mites again. Late summer early fall means harvesting, feeding through the dearth, and—you guessed it—testing and treating for mites. Fall is a frenzy of feeding, testing, and treating for mites. By late fall, we give them one last feed, a blast of oxalic acid, wrap them up, and wish them luck. "Good luck, girls! See you next spring!"

But inevitably, a couple of hives don't make it. Despite being the strongest all summer, I open the lid in late November to find a pile of dead bees or, worse, no bees at all. "ARRRG! I killed my bees! I suck at this! I'm not a beekeeper; I'm just a bee haver! Why am I doing this? Bees have been around for millions of years, and I can't keep them alive for 12 months!"

I sulk around, dodging questions from friends. "How are your bees doing?" they ask. "Well, they're headed into winter," I reply, instead of admitting, "I killed them!" After a few days of self-pity, I calculate how many hives I need to survive winter to split and catch back up. I scour the internet for conferences, tweak my honey website with holiday specials, and make lists of equipment to budget for in the spring.

Then, I'm fired up to do it all over again. Next year, I'll pay more attention. I'll test and treat everybody. I'll need more hive boxes with all the splits I'll do. I'll raise my own queens. I'll have 100% survival! I'll be one with the bees! I am a beekeeper! BAM! Then Fall rolls around..... Wash, rinse, repeat...

Sometimes, I think I'd make a good pathologist, always examining my dead-out hives to figure out why some just "up and died" while others, which I didn't expect to survive, come out of winter thriving. Most of the time, it's my fault. I might have accidentally killed the queen late in the season during an inspection, leading to a slow death. Or I let the hive get honey-bound during a late nectar flow, leaving no room for the queen to lay winter bees. My weak hives get robbed by stronger hives and yellow jackets, dying a slow death after a valiant fight.

Some years, I get lazy and skip testing for mites in one hive because the others have low counts. Don't get me wrong, I have surviving hives, better than average losses, but I still think about how bad a farmer I'd be if I raised cattle. Half my cows dying in winter would be catastrophic, but half my hives dying is average. If this were baseball, a .500 batting average would land me in the Hall of Fame. We're trying to keep insects alive through Iowa winters, after all.

I'm jealous of southern beekeepers. They deal with mites, beetles, bears, and moths. We have mites, beetles, moths, skunks, raccoons, aerial insecticide spraying, tornados, floods, ice, snow, and winter.

To the beginning beekeepers who find empty hives when they thought they had it all figured out: you are not alone. Pick yourself up, learn from the dead bees, ask questions, create a plan for next year, order some bees in case you lost all your hives and prepare for next year. By the way, you will NEVER have it all figured out. You just have to have enough figured out. The bees will do the rest. You are a beekeeper!

H.R. Cook



# IHPA Historian

The Iowa Honey Producers Association would like to thank the family of Ivan Rickers for their generous donation to the Annual Meeting.

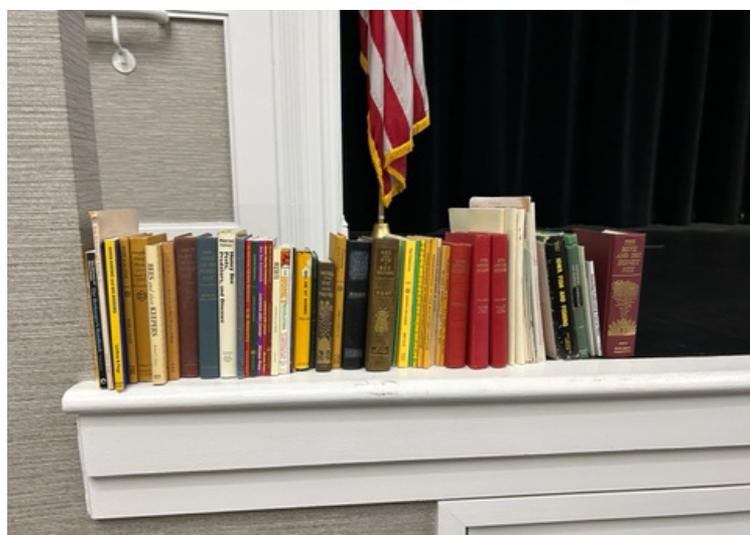
Much of Ivan's research, periodical collection, and bee-keeping books were donated to the IHPA to be auctioned off, after his passing last year. This included several boxes with decades of American Bee Journal and Gleanings in Bee Culture, along with Honey Bee Study Prints, and an impressive small library of treasured beekeeping books.

Ivan played a vital role in Iowa beekeeping during his sojourn here. His love for honeybees started in his teens when he inherited some hives, and it blossomed from there into a commercial operation, nearing 800 hives. Besides blessing our tables with honey, he also leaves a legacy in the state as a fighter for Iowa bee laws and safe insecticide application. He was an active and long-time member of the IHPA, serving in many roles; the capstone being as the association's president from 1977 to 1979.

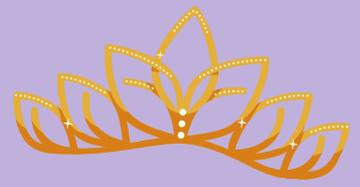
His passion for the plight of the honeybee was highlighted when he was awarded Iowa's Beekeeper of the Year in 1980 and the Pioneer Award in 2004.

Thank you, Ivan, for the life you gave to beekeeping in Iowa.

Ivan Fred John Rickers 1935-2023



# Iowa Honey Royalty



Our new Honey Queen is Addison Wehrman from Bettendorf. We had one queen candidate this year, but unfortunately she was unable to attend our meeting due to illness.

Addyson Wehrman, from Bettendorf, is the daughter of Kristin Wehrman. She is currently a senior at North Scott High School, where she is serving as the Vice President of Community Outreach for the North Scott FFA Chapter, former member of the Pleasant Valley High School Trap Team (regional, state and national titleholder) and a current member of the North Scott Trap Club. She is also a member of the Youth Shooting Sports Association, LeClaire Boosters 4-H Club, the Scott County 4-H Council and a national Culver's 2024 FFA Ambassador. Addyson is very involved in her church and enjoys serving meals at The Vine and the conversations had over a meal. She also is active in volunteering and giving back to her community.

She was a recipient of the Iowa Honey Producers 2024 Youth Scholarship Program and spent the past 10 months learning everything she can about beekeeping. Upon learning of the Queen program, she thought this would be an awesome opportunity to give back to the program, become a honeybee advocate, and share her love of what she's learned so far in her beekeeping journey.

Addyson wishes to thank the IHPA for the financial investment to the scholarship program and the opportunity it provides to youth. She also wishes to give special thanks to her FFA Advisor, Jacob Hunter, for sharing the scholarship opportunity and encouraging her to apply, Connie with Spring Valley Honey Farms for the gift of her bees, Sara with The Holton Homestead for the beekeeping classes that helped her understand the process, and Stephanie Meyers of Sonshine Farms for her time and support to this program and seeing her through to a successful completion. And one last big thank you to her mentor, Tom Schulte, who stepped in and has supported her throughout this process and helped her raise a healthy and thriving bee hive.

Connie Bronnenberg - IHPA Queen Program Chair



Honey Queen Addison Wehrman is from Bettendorf.

## Thank you from the queen program!

A huge "Thank You" to all of you who donated items for our silent and live auctions.

Live auction raised: \$5,785

Silent auctions raised: \$573

Quilt raffle brought in: \$1,000

Grand total: \$7,540



The money raised will help with expenses to get the Honey Queen to your events! If you would like the Queen to help out at your events, you can reach me at 515-480-6076.

Thank you Jodi Kraft for all of the work you have done in preparation of the quilt packets for the members to join in on creating blocks for our quilts and finalizing the finished quilts! We will miss your creativity!

Thank you Roy Kraft for being our auctioneer again this year!



# Talks with Tyler



I've been asked to come back to write for The Buzz. This article will be my attempt at answering your questions or making discussion on the topics you choose.

This month's edition we have been asked to talk about honey crystallization. It's a hot topic right now due to the cold temperatures finally arriving, which speeds up the process. So let's get right into it.

## What is happening?

Honey crystallization is a normal occurrence. It does not mean the honey has spoiled. Honey is a complex sugar solution, mostly comprised of glucose and fructose. The ratio is important as the higher the ratio of glucose the less likely it will crystallize. Some varieties of honey are known to almost never crystallize and some crystallize in a matter of days, even in the combs.

Since honey has very little water, it is not enough to keep the honey perfectly dissolved. Over time, the glucose molecules separate from the liquid and eventually form solid crystals and repeat.

Another thing that has influence on crystallization is pollen or wax particles in the honey. The more pollen or wax debris you have in your honey, the faster it will "sugar." This will also happen with honeys that have other ingredients added.

## How can I fix this?

The solution to getting your honey back to liquid form is to gently heat it. 100-115 degrees is the best range to shoot for, but not for very long. Stir it as often as possible.

Hot air, water bath, or bucket heating bands all will work. If you have them all in bottles already it can



limit your options if you don't have waterproof labels.

The best practice is to leave your honey in buckets to crystallize, melt it and bottle as needed.

If you don't get all the crystals melted (even under the microscope) with high enough temperature (upwards side of the suggested range) your honey might look melted, but as mentioned before the crystals will replicate and you'll be back to solid honey in no time.

For the next article please send your questions to [Holtonhoneybees@gmail.com](mailto:Holtonhoneybees@gmail.com), make a post in the Iowa Beekeepers Facebook page, or you can message me on Facebook as well.



# From the Honey House



A collection of information from those with direct, personal knowledge about beekeeping

## Beekeeping History, January 1947

I met a beekeeper in 1999, Cliff Hendricks, 91 years young, who became my mentor. We hung around for nine years together, and he taught me beekeeping. He would tell me stories of commercial beekeeping in the '40s, '50s and '60s when he ran 3,000 beehives across Wisconsin, how beekeeping changed over the years, and how things stayed the same. He passed away at 100 years old, still keeping around a dozen beehives. Over the last 28 years, I've started to see a little of the history of beekeeping myself.

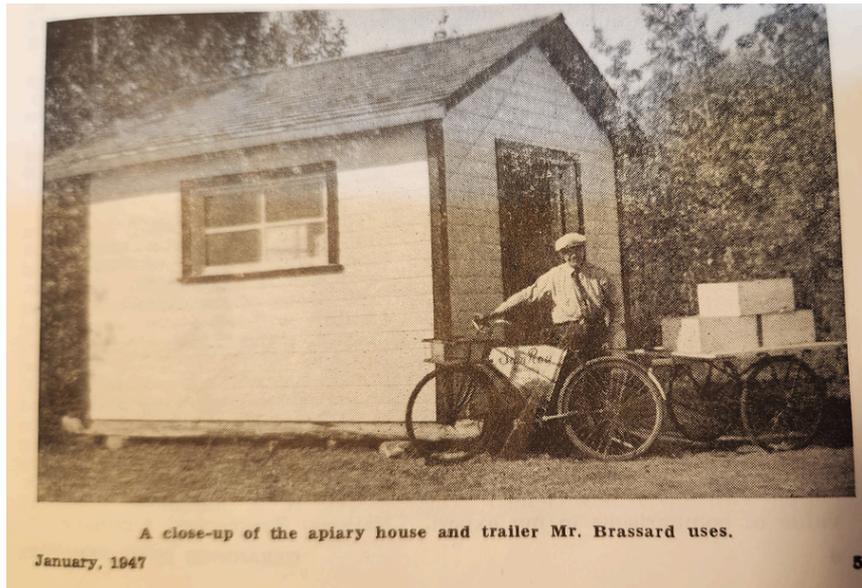
With more time these days, I picked up a copy of Gleanings in Bee Culture from January 1947, and here are a few things that people wrote about. This is post-WWII.

“A New Horizon Beckons” by Arch Woodson. Winter is coming on in Virginia, and his hives have about 40 pounds of honey stored up. The price of honey was very high due to price controls being removed. A pail of honey at the store was \$2.98! Such unheard of prices would do nothing to promote the use of honey. Honey was being sold by beekeepers for \$1.25 for a five gallon pail. The hives produced 45 pounds of honey per hive for the 1946 crop. Sugar was still scarce, so beekeepers kept more honey for wintering instead of feeding sugar syrup. Sulfathiazole was being tried to deal with foulbrood.

R. E. English wrote about “Spring Management of Wintered Colonies in Alberta.” In 1945, a start was made toward experimenting on beekeepers’ management problems at the provincial apiary near Edmonton. Honey production from package bees in Alberta was popular, with 55,000 package colonies operated, compared with 9,000 that had been wintered over. Wintered colonies produced 86 pounds of honey, compared with 56 and 72 pounds for the 2# and 6# packages.

“The Bee Pasture Problem” by Frank C. Pellet. Serious questions confronting commercial beekeepers about the changes in American beekeeping as the result of changing agriculture that have come with two world wars. A thousand colonies was a large operation before WWII, and there were few of them.

There was a lot of clover prior to WWI, when a lot more



wheat was starting to be produced to feed a nation. WWII came along, and soil conditions were deteriorating, and sweet clover was being replaced with hemp for fiber, soybeans for oil, and other crops. The future was uncertain.

In Iowa, December 3rd, by W. S. Pangburn in Marshalltown. There was a poor honey crop in 1946, and there was little honey to be found in stores. Honey was retailing for 40¢ a pound, and 40¢ – 45¢ for comb section. There was little honey produced from clover in spring, summer and fall. Beekeepers generally took more honey than they should, and it was difficult to get permits for sugar to feed. Many hives starved.

“Talks to Beekeepers” by M. J. Deyell. There are many methods of teaching beekeepers, and it is important that the information be relevant. Don’t confuse beginners, and try to stay on topic. Migratory beekeeping is difficult, but can provide additional honey and revenue. Sending bees south for the winter had been around for a while, and in 1913 the Root Company moved 325 colonies from Ohio to Florida for the winter. Wintering hives in the north is fine, and don’t worry about the hives being covered with snow. It’s good insulation.

This is just a brief look at some of the issues in 1946. History is sometimes exciting, and we continue to learn from it, as beekeeping surges forward with new discoveries, problems and information. Keep learning all that you can!

Andy Hemken, Bee Guy  
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# From the Beeyard

A collection of information from those with direct, personal knowledge about beekeeping

*Written by Phil Ebert*

Winter is upon us. I look at the end of the year as a time for reflection to evaluate the good and the bad. Despite setbacks, we are still solvent. We took a financial beating in California and the honey crop was really bad. Mite losses were high. If we were relying strictly on the bees for income, we would have been broke a long time ago. Fortunately, other aspects of our operation are doing well. We have 1000 colonies in Texas. That means we lost 1/3 of our bees to mites, viruses, malnutrition or whatever. Sometimes the “whatever” gets a lot of them. I don’t know if we are going to send anything to California given the financial beating we took out there last year.

I am hearing about a lot of colony losses. 50-70% in some cases. We have treated almost constantly for mites. Counts were high early but it is hard for treatments to be effective when there is a lot of brood. Going to Texas or California means almost constant brood reproduction. That also means constant mite reproduction. Mite load in the spring has to be low for the bees to have any chance for survival in the fall. Easy to say—hard to do.

We see individual hive beetles in the building and sometimes on the combs clear thru October but they

don’t seem to do anything after the temps drop. Before that, if there is any brood on the honey combs, they get after that right away, especially if it is hot. Honey combs can sit for a week in our experience. The beetles prefer brown combs to white ones. They seldom bother the comb honey supers unless there is drone brood in it. I still worry about it. We used to sell most of the comb by the super but the value has gotten so high, I cut up a lot more than I used to.

It will soon be time to get yard rent out. That’s an additional two barrels of honey we have to bottle. We try to have it all distributed by Christmas but that seems to become more difficult each year. I used to take it around but now Alex does it. We have been thinking about winter jobs for a while. We have 200 brood boxes to put together. I bought another pallet already assembled. They were really cheap but the wood is of lower quality. The other 200 we will put together ourselves. I like to use screws. It adds a lot of expense but nails and/or staples tend to put apart after a few years. It is irritating when one end of the frame falls off the rabbit.

Think about changes you want to make. Plan ahead. I hope the holidays were good for everyone!!

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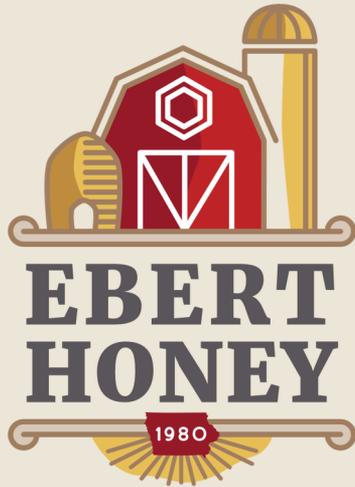
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Nucleus Hive	\$210	\$205		
	1-49	50+		
Package Bees (2 lb)	\$144	\$142		
Package Bees (3 lb)	\$164	\$162		

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>> Nucleus Hives (Nucs)

>> Package Bees

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INVENTORY  
AVAILABILITY

April 2025

Package bees available for customer pick up.

May 2025

Nucs available for customer pick up.



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