



The Buzz

Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

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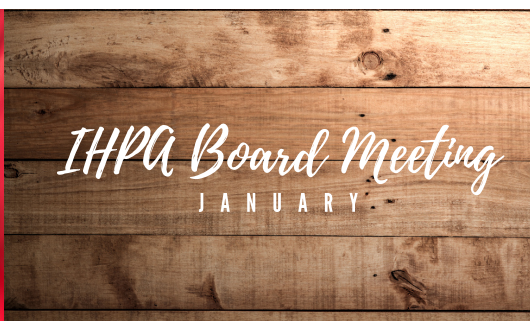
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Kristi Ostercamp **Event Committee**



We live in Eagle Grove, Iowa, and I am serving as a member of the Event Committee.

I am a sucker for adventure! I would like to see more participation from our members. Did you know that any member is welcome to go to any of the district meetings and committee meetings? IHPA, bee clubs, and it's members are full of free knowledge. All you have to do is ask!

IHPA OFFICER & DIRECTOR NEWS

Ramblings from the Russian Bee Guy

President, Jason Foley

Welcome to 2022!!! I'm sitting here wondering what to write about and realizing that when you get this in your hands or read it in your email, it'll be a month later. Plus I need to have this done prior to our board meeting this weekend, so I can't say what new things we will be doing for sure in 2022 lol.

This next week I get the pleasure of heading out west to have a final go through of the girls before they get placed into almonds. Just some last minute feeding and equalization so the most possible hives get placed. Working with Holton and Rasmussen for brokers has been pretty amazing. I love how they find a home for most every darn colony you send. If a small portion of your load misses the frame count requirements for the almond contracts, they work to get those bees into blueberries, or cherries, or something else out there. A smaller contract on those outliers is better than no contract. Plus it gets them placed into a good feed area instead of being stuck in a holding yard. Gosh, I almost forgot the most important part of that trip, authentic California taco truck food! Other bee things going on is a bunch of woodworking in my shop. Lumber prices are just insane, but I still got a few units of ok priced wood. This will go to make boxes for my operation and for hive kits to stock my store. I should have those kits completed by the end of February.

One hopeful thing happening with IHPA is the addition of a retreat weekend to the youth scholarship program (we still have to vote on it next week). I have some connections to a retreat camp that would allow the teens to get away for a weekend and experience training and education from top beekeepers in our state. Yes, they have climate controlled accommodations, and the camp even has bee hives already on site. Details haven't been completely worked out yet, but if approved you could expect them soon. Just one small way I'm working to take our traditions and enhance them.

EVENT COORDINATOR

Cheri VanSickle

I hope this is finding each of you healthy and safe. This past Saturday I informed the Board, Directors, and other attending IHPA members about the exciting events planned for 2022. Our first event is Iowa Honey Bee Day at the Capitol. More about this in the "Legislative News" section. The following event is Field Day!

I recently toured Smitty's Honey in Defiance Iowa. Wow, what an exciting experience. After I finished the tour I said, "Every IHPA member needs to see this." Tony, manager and owner of Smitty's Bees, has graciously agreed to let IHPA members tour his facility. You will be able to see the different processes that honey goes through after arriving by semi. More details of the tour will follow in upcoming editions. After the tour, members will meet in Harlan, Iowa, for the rest of Field Day.

I have also been working on the Annual Fall Conference details. Wow! Again, a lot of new ideas and plans there too. More details will follow. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

June 11, 2022; Field Day

Tour Smitty's Bees, Defiance Iowa

Meeting location; Therkildsen Activity Center, Harlan, Iowa

November 11-12; Annual Fall Conference

I know both of these dates seem far away now, but things sometimes slip away from each of us. Save these dates for a lot of new experiences and knowledge.

Stay healthy and safe.

Legislative News

Lobbyist: Jamie Beyer

The Legislative Session will start the week of January 10th. Our team is in place to monitor and to introduce positive legislation for Honey Bees. Our team consists of our paid professional lobbyist company, the Capital Group, myself, Doyle Kincy and HR Cook. HR, Doyle and I are volunteer who provide the factual information about bees to legislators. One piece of legislation that we will attempt to get passed and signed by the Governor is to designate the Honey Bee as the State Insect. This piece of Legislation just about passed two years ago but then Covid hit and really threw a wrench into the process. To make a long story short -- we will have to start the process over again this year. Please contact any of us to give us your input on legislation. In next month's Buzz I will be updating you on legislation that has and will be introduced.

We are also in place to monitor and be able to react quickly to any legislation that is harmful to our hobby/profession. Unfortunately, this is one of the most important reasons we are there.

The planning of Iowa's Honey Bee Day is progressing. Remember it is Wednesday March 30 from 7 AM to 9 AM. Yeah, it is early, but this is time Legislators have to talk to us. After that time of the day, they are either in committee meetings or are in session. Please refer to the Press Release that we are publishing again in this month's Buzz. This is my last chance to get the information about the day to you via the Buzz so I cannot emphasize the impact that this reception has on Legislators and their decisions about Honey Bees.

Our Queen, Allison Hager, is planning on being there as well as club queens from across the state. We are also inviting our Youth Scholarship students and parents to this day. What an opportunity it is for them to learn the Legislative process. We will be providing a tour of the Capitol that day after the reception. This tour is not only for the students but for anyone that wants to see the Capitol. As a side note the floor of the Rotunda where we are having our reception is the honeycomb design. It will be explained why this was incorporated into the floor.

Everyone is invited to this event. We want to connect beekeepers to Legislators and talk bees. It is interesting how popular the subject of honey bees is at the statehouse.

Finally, we are asking the Governor to sign a Proclamation designating March 30th as Iowa Honey Bee Day for 2022. We are doing this along with asking cities and counties across the state to do the same. A draft of what we are asking the Governor to sign is in this Buzz. Please assist us in the process and ask your city and county to sign their own Proclamation. We can electronically send you this draft in a digital format so that it is easy to forward to your city council and board of supervisors. Please contact me for it.

Two years ago, we had over 40 cities and counties sign their Proclamations. We think we can surpass this number this year. It raises awareness of the importance of Honey Bees. Almost all of the communities want to sign this type of positive news.

We have the tools to influence our Legislators -- we just need to use them. Hope to see everyone there on March 30th. Contact me if you have any questions, want to help or just want to comment. Thanks for being a member of IHPA and being part of a great community of beeks.

**SAVE
THE
DATES**

June 11, 2022

Summer Field Day

Smitty Bee Honey: Defiance Iowa

Meeting location: Therkildsen Activity Center - Harlan, Iowa

November 11-12

Annual Fall Conference

Press Release for Iowa Honey Bee Day at the Iowa State Capital on Wednesday, March 30th

The Iowa Honey Producers Association is hosting a Legislative Reception/Breakfast on Iowa Honey Bee Day. It will be in the Rotunda of the Iowa Capital Building on Wednesday March 30th. It will be from 7AM to 9AM and all interested elected officials, honey bee keepers and citizens are invited.

We are going to be asking Governor Kim Reynolds to sign a Proclamation designating March 30th as Iowa Honey Bee Day along with many City Mayors and County Supervisors across the state. In the proclamations they will be stating that honey bee and native insects are important pollinators for a third of the food we eat. Honey bees face serious threats from invasive pests, decreasing bee friendly forage, variable climate and increasing pesticide and herbicide pressure.

IHPA expects beekeepers and concerned citizens from across the state to attend this reception and meet their Legislators.

We have established a great tradition of having a legislative breakfast on this special day. I believe this is the 4th year we have had it. We missed last year, of course. It is a great and fun way to meet legislators and other beekeepers that want to learn the legislative process. We do have an influence on legislation that favors honey bees. Please check out the IHPA website for pics of a Honey Bee Day Breakfast from a few years ago. <https://www.iowahoneyproducers.org/events-photos>

For more information please contact:

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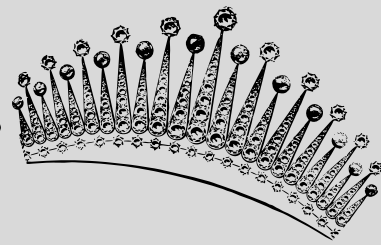
Quilt Blocks Need to be Returned As Soon as Possible

When you picked up your quilt blocks in November, the information sheet inside indicated that these blocks need to be mailed back to me by February 1st, 2022 (Jodi Kraft, PO Box 1, Goldfield, IA 50542-0001). I am still needing many blocks back. I am looking forward to receiving all of them back so I can start designing the quilts and other projects. For questions please contact Jodi (515) 293-2476.

Happy sewing!! -Jodi Kraft



Royal Proclamation



Allison Hagar- 2022 Iowa Honey Queen

Hello everyone!

I hope you are well and staying warm in this cold winter!

I want to remind you all to reach out to me through the Iowa Honey Queen Program page on Facebook or to the IHPA Queen Chair, Connie Bronnenberg, via phone at (515)-480-6076 or via email at cbronny823@aol.com if you have a program or event you would like me to attend. Some event ideas could be a farmers' market, school program, 4-H club, or really anything else! COVID-19 has been going around again, which has made it difficult for me to attend events. However, I have been gathering resources and information to create presentations for future events, as well as finding good tools to show others to fully explain the importance of honey bees. Again, feel free to contact me if you have useful resources that you think would be beneficial for me to use.

In addition, I have been greatly talking to extended family and friends about my experience so far as the Iowa Honey Queen over the holiday season. I have also been teaching many of them simple facts about honey bees that they seem to enjoy. I have even discussed how to raise a colony of honey bees with a few family members, as they are excited about this journey and want to become more involved with helping honey bees.

I am really looking forward to next month, as it not only is my birthday month, but it also contains the great Iowa Honey Bee Day!

Hope to hear from you all soon and see you at Iowa Honey Bee Day in Des Moines on March 30th!

FOR SALE: Used equipment. Empty deep boxes--\$6-\$10 depending on quality; 5 11/16 supers with 8 drawn combs--\$20; 6 5/8 supers with drawn comb--\$25; lots of lids (both telescoping and migratory), bottom boards and inner covers. Let's make a deal. Contact Phil Ebert. 641-521-6361 or e-mail ehoney37@netins.net



My younger brother had his high school homecoming at the beginning of January and was crowned the Class of 2022 Homecoming King! So, of course I had to get a picture with him with our royal attire on!

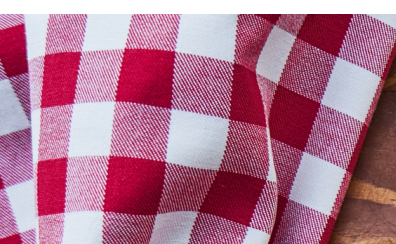


Foley's Russian Bees

Foley's Russian Bees is an Indianola, Iowa based producer of Primorsky Russian bees & beekeeping equipment. We specialize in Russian mated queens and Russian nucleus hives. We also are a provider of Carniolan packages. When you are in need of bees, we can help!

To place an order, check us out on the web

www.RussianBee.com



Emma Jakes' Recipes

February has arrived and while our bees may be tucked snugly in their hives, we beekeepers get to do all of that off season maintenance and preparation for the coming spring. Why not take a break from all that hard work and plan a nice dinner in with your Honey to celebrate Valentine's Day! I tried out two delicious recipes for a fancy dinner at home with my own family and they certainly fit the bill! These delicious honey glazed sweet potatoes are beautiful in presentation and pair nicely with bacon wrapped pork tenderloins.

Honey Glazed Sweet Potatoes (Pg. 137)

1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes or yams, peeled and quartered
2/3 cup orange juice, divided
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon butter

1/3 cup honey
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Combine sweet potatoes and 1/3 cup orange juice in a 2-quart microwave-safe baking dish; sprinkle with ginger and nutmeg. Dot with butter. Cover and microwave at HIGH (100%) for 7-10 minutes or until sweet potatoes are tender, stirring halfway through cook time. Combine cornstarch, remaining 1/3 cup orange juice, and honey in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH for 2 minutes or until thickened, stirring every 30 seconds. Drain liquid from sweet potatoes; add that liquid to honey mixture. Microwave at HIGH 1 minute. Pour sauce over sweet potatoes and microwave on HIGH 1 more minute or until sweet potatoes are thoroughly heated. Makes 4 servings.

Emma's Notes: Very tasty! Overall, this recipe was very easy to make although it was a little more time consuming since you have to constantly be tending the microwave. Additionally, I was confused by draining the liquid off the sweet potatoes. That liquid is supposed to be drained into the other honey mixture and kept to use again for the glaze. Aside from that confusion, it was very fun to make. This recipe could also be baked for about 30 minutes and get similar results. You will want to make sure you cover it while baking and stir it about every 15 minutes. The potatoes should be tender but still hold their shape. If you want to make both of these recipes for a Valentine's Day treat, it works well to put the potatoes in the oven and toss the meat in about 15 minutes after that.

Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin (Pg. 37)

8-10 slices of streaky bacon, long enough to wrap around the pork 1 1/2 times
1 pound pork tenderloin, at room temperature
Salt and Pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil

2 tablespoons honey (creates a glaze)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lay the bacon next to each other on a cutting board, slightly overlapping. The width of the bacon should be enough to wrap the length of the pork. Season the pork with salt and pepper. Tuck the thin end under so the length of the pork is roughly the same thickness.

Heat the oil in an oven proof skillet over high heat. Sear the pork on all sides until nicely browned. Place the pork on the bacon. Use a knife to help keep the bacon together and roll the pork up, finish with the seam side down. Use the knife to transfer back into the skillet. Drizzle over with honey and brush all over. Roast for 25-30 minutes. Baste once or twice with the pan juice, mopping up plenty of the honey pooled at the base of the pork. Remove from oven and baste again. Let it rest for 5 minutes. Pork tenderloin is an extremely lean cut of meat so you really need to be careful not to overcook it. Baste one last time before serving. To serve, cut into thin slices.

Emma's Notes: Delicious! It was a super easy recipe to make but certainly looked like a fancy restaurant had made dinner. I also tried using tenderized pork loin slices instead of whole pork loin and that worked very well too. It decreases the cook time by 10 minutes which is useful if you are short on time and the tenderloin looks just as fancy. I also used the left over juice in the bottom of the pan as a sauce to put over the meat or potatoes (there wasn't much sauce left and the food didn't need extra sauce it was just so yummy!)

**Winners of one prize donation from
MannLake that renewed their IHPA
Membership by Jan 10:**

*Jason Bixenstine
Leanna Palmer*

**Congratulations! Please contact
Kelsey Wigans to receive your prize!**



I am only human.

Please give me some grace and flexibility with welcoming a new child to our family. While the Iowa Honey Producers Association is an important part of my life, it is not my only priority in this season of life. I am a child of Christ, wife, mother, work a full time job (and have many other students I see as my own children), take care of plants, animals and insects, and even like to relax (sometimes even drink an adult beverage when I'm not pregnant). I get sick, breakdown, need a break, and things do not always go according to my plan. I share these similarities with many of the other officers and directors in the organization. We are trying to work out the kinks to make this a flawless organization. However, we do make mistakes. Please be kind when pointing out mistakes or errors made. I am very willing to make sure the information you provide for The Buzz is correct, but I am also blonde, busy, and human. I only know what I know, but I am learning new things every day.

**Be looking forward to hearing about the District 1 "Beekeeper
of the Month" in the March Edition of The Buzz!**

**Treat your loved ones to a special
Valentine's Day Treat!**

-Kelsey Wigans



Pre order your queens, packages, and nucs for the 2022 season! We begin taking orders on all our Russian products starting January 1st at 10am via our website www.russianbee.com. Carniolan packages are available to order just as soon as pricing for the year has been set (typically January 15th).

Russian Nucs \$170.00

Russian Queens \$35.00

Russian package bees with Russian mated queen
3lb \$135.00 (*no cage deposit*).

Carniolan package bees with Carniolan mated queen
3lb \$132.00
2lb \$109.00

Full hive kits \$245.00

Includes 2 deeps, 2 mediums, all the wax coated frames to fill out the hive, 1 gallon frame feeder, bottom board, entrance reducer, inner cover, and telescoping top cover

Mini hive kits \$165.00

Includes 2 deeps, all the wax coated frames to fill out the hive, 1 gallon frame feeder, bottom board, entrance reducer, inner cover, and telescoping top cover.

We carry many other bee related items in our farm store - come out for a visit some time!

To place an order, check us out on the web

www.RussianBee.com

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515-991-4666

Gilmore City-Bradgate Elementary is still on the lookout for more celebrity guest judges for the Ag Innovation Showcase on Thursday, May 19th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

If you like the show "Shark Tank" you're going to love this competition, because all of the problems are focused on beekeeping!! The 4th-6th grade students are working hard on their solutions, prototypes and pitches.

Please contact Kelsey Wigans, if you're interested!



Pat & Peggy Ennis
2105 110th St / Goodell, IA 50439
641-444-4767

Packages, nucs, singles and equipment for 2022:

Packages - 3 lbs w/ Italian queen.

1-10 = \$150.00 / 11+ \$145.00 / over 100, call for pricing (plus tax)

Nucs - 5-frame w/laying Italian queen.

1-49 = \$180.00 50-up = \$170.00 plus \$30 nuc box deposit & tax.

Singles - w/laying Italian queen. \$225.00 (plus tax)

Includes: 8 frames w/feeder, cover, inner cover & solid bb.

Also offering: syrup, pollen patties, mite treatments,
beekeeping equipment, honey and beeswax.

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off clearance sale (that's 80% off
some items!) !!**

**Please check their website
<https://www.mannlakeltd.com/>
for details**

Book Review

A Phenology Planner for Beekeepers

This last year, Julia McGuire received a SARE grant to write a book specifically geared to nectar flows for honey bees. The book will be released to the public in two parts. First to organizations and clubs, and second to individuals. She had requested that the IHPA review her book and let its membership know about it.

After reading the book I have a number of really good takeaways from it. I thought the information was pretty darn good. It's laid out in 12 months, with each month highlighting the bee important plants commonly found in Iowa. Even in the months that no bloom happens, it talks about how to identify trees and such. I also really liked that it gives you a blank page facing each of these monthly pages for the individual to jot down notes. This is handy if you have a unique situation that causes an earlier or later bloom, or an unusual nectar source you can note. It's also a great spot for you to jot down notes/reminders for bee practices you should be doing at that time of year (inspections, feeding, mite treatments, etc). The book sometimes pops a few suggestions out there for you, but this gives you a space to write all the other things you might be apt to forget about. Another fantastic thing is that it was paid for by a grant and is free to the public. How can you beat FREE?!?! Well, at least until the allocated grant funds run out. Nothing lasts forever.

The tiny bit of negative to the book is that much of the language is geared for a specialist. So if you are an entomologist or botanist, you'll feel right at home. Don't sweat it, it'll just take a little longer for a beginner to read through. They can still cherry-pick the good information out of it. My own personal opinion would have been to write it in more basic language. The majority of readers wanting info on nectar and pollen rich plants will be your novice beekeepers. Those that have been in it a while have usually researched it or been mentored, and just know what's happening at any given time of the season.

Ultimately it's a good resource for beekeepers and if you are unsure of your plants and seasons you should try to get your hands on a copy of it. For getting a copy you should prompt your local bee club to reach out to Julia, or contact her directly to get on her 2nd release list.



-Reviewed by Jason Foley-



From the Beeyard

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

Written by Phil Ebert

As soon as one thing ends, another begins. We finished getting our yard rent out the day before Christmas. It takes two barrels of honey. By the time we visit with the landowners and have coffee and cookies, there are two or three days invested in it. Alex does it now but when I did it, I found it enjoyable. On Jan 4, Adam and Alex left for California with Chris Jackson and Dave Korver to go thru the bees. The interlude was filled with prep for the trip west. They will spend around two weeks in California. It is always a relief when we get all the bees to California.

Our mite levels were in single digits going into September. I was optimistic. My optimism proved to be unfounded. As more of the brood emerged, a lot of mites emerged. Some of our counts jumped into the 20's. When October rolled around we probably picked up about 40% of the colonies on the Lynnville end. Adam fared better. His treatment regimen was slightly different. He used Extended Release Oxalic before we did. I went to the AHPA meeting in Baton Rouge. The consensus is that all of the treatments kind of work if it is warm enough. Even with constant monitoring you can't measure how many mites are in the brood. In my opinion, it can be up to 80% in the fall. If it is that high, the bees might as well have a death wish. Going to California makes this worse. If you winter in Iowa and get a long brood break, the timing of your mite cycle is going to be different. Still, you have to avoid that fall spike if you are going to keep your bees alive. This is a pest that has the potential to double its population every two weeks. It is getting harder to control them.

Chris Hiatt is now president of the AHPA. His goal is to keep losses under 35%. There are five Hiatt brothers. I think they run around 20,000 colonies between them. Years ago, when I first started keeping bees, the rule of thumb was that 1/3 of your colonies would be super, 1/3 would be average and 1/3 would be poor. That still holds to some degree but, now, the 1/3 that is poor is as going to be dead.

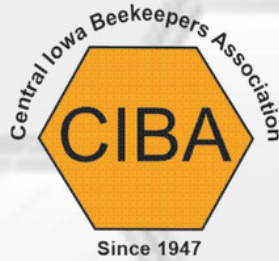
Kelsey asked for tips for this month. My tip is to look at yourself as a mite killer first and a beekeeper second. There is a certain romance to beekeeping. There is no romance around Varroa mites. Long ago, when I was on the IHPA board, we produced a video that covered a year of beekeeping with Dick Blake. The picture quality was not so great but the content was good. It sold like crazy. I then had the idea to do one on controlling Varroa mites. I think we had a piece on foulbrood in there, also. I thought there was a lot of good information. If we sold more than ten of them it was not by much. It was like people wanted to ignore problems. You do that at your peril.

This is the time of year when we make our plan of the upcoming season. If we could just get the bees to run on the same plan, things would be much easier. We have to make some adjustments this year. We have been fortunate over the years to have been able to get good help. Last year was much more difficult on Adam's end. He had the body count but the people he had were largely incompetent. This resulted in some of the things he was trying to do to not work out very well. The labor prospects for this year are not very bright. We have talked about H2A but I would be surprised if that happened. This means we are going to have to do less of something. If there is anybody out there that would like to spend a summer with the bees, or a spring and/or fall for that matter, give us a call.

In closing, I would say get your equipment ready for spring. We always plan for a best case and worst case scenario. Usually, you will hit somewhere in the middle. Every once on a while, you will hit the best case. In 2005, we made 150#/colony. We were able to take advantage because we were ready. Even so, even with the best of planning, sometimes things just don't work out.

The days are getting longer, spring is just around the corner. Soon, there will be new life out there!!

**Registration
Reminder!**



**CIBA's 75th
Anniversary**

**Central Iowa Beekeepers Association
2022 Winter Seminar**

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Grimes Community Complex, Grimes, IA

Dr. Tom Seeley (via Zoom)

Dr. Carol Fassbinder-Orth (in-person)

Randall Cass (in-person)

Andy Joseph (in-person)

All-day seminar. Register by mail. No walk in registrations. Includes lunch & break snacks

\$40/person registration, \$35 current CIBA members & \$20 students (college and K-12)

Registration deadline (received by) Tues., March 15, 2022

Registration forms and updates at CIBA website: www.centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org

For Sale

2 or 3 pound packages of
Italian bees with queen.
Picked up in Cedar Rapids
or Aurora, IA in mid-April.
Bees from Hill-Ward Apiary
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Honey, Queen Rearing

Paul Gardner

(319) 400-4228

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Homestead, IA 52236

#3 package
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April 15th & May
6th pickup





Spring Valley Honey Farms

14405 Hull Ave.
Perry, Iowa 50220
Curt and Connie Bronnenberg
515-480-6076

www.springvalleyhoneyfarms.com

This past year was a repeat of last year here at Spring Valley Honey Farms, the bees came out of the almond orchards in great shape, built up well and produced an excellent crop of low moisture honey. Mite counts were generally low, treatments were still applied, ample protein and syrup was fed, hives were full of bees and seemed to be thriving until October. Then the decline started and our numbers reduced by 50% by December. Hopefully the bees will still be looking good when we check them in mid-January. Hopefully the bees build up well on the Almond bloom and I'll be shaking packages from my own bees starting mid-April through mid-May. We will also be getting a load of package bees out of California from CF Koehnen and Sons in early April.

2-pound package bees \$109.00 + tax + \$7.00 cage deposit

3-pound package bee \$132.00 + tax + \$7.00 cage deposit

5 Frame Nucs with Carniolan, Italian or Saskatraz Queens \$170.00 + tax

(Saskatraz package bees and Nucs are \$5.00 extra)

Because we feel supplementing carbohydrates and protein is important, we offer a gallon of syrup and protein patty for \$7.00 with the purchase of package bees or nucs.

During package season we are very flexible and usually available but always best to call or text Connie at 515-480-6076 as we do not keep regular store hours. If you call or text me an order, we can get order ready and you can pick up at your convenience.

We offer a full line of beekeeping equipment which you can find list and prices of our equipment on our website.

Queens (Carniolan or Italian) \$38.00 Saskatraz \$43.00

Corn Syrup .40 a pound (your container)

Gallon syrup - \$8.00

500#s or more .35 a pound

Protein Patties \$2.50 each Case of 40 Protein Patties \$100.00

Complete Hive Kit – (no honey supers) \$210.00 (Wood Frames)

\$197.00(Plastic Frames) (Includes: 2 Deep Hive Bodies, 18 - frames, 2gallon feeder, standard bottom board, telescoping cover & inner cover) **Fully assembled and painted.**

Complete Hive Kit + Honey Supers - \$330.00 (Wood Frames) \$305.00 (Plastic Frames) (Includes 2 Deep Hive Bodies, 18 frames, 2 gallon feeder, standard bottom board, telescoping cover & inner cover, 2 - 6 5/8 boxes + 20 - 6 5/8 frames) **Fully assembled and painted.**

Advertising in The Buzz

What counts as an article vs. a paid advertisement?

An article will only contain beekeeping information that could be useful to another beekeeper. If you are trying to promote a class (online and/or in person), your/or another business, this is considered an advertisement, and will need to be paid for. Do you have an event coming up? This is a paid ad. Do you want to talk about what happened at your event that already happened? This is likely an article, and is free to submit. The answer may depend on the details of what you are writing about. Contact Editor, Kelsey Wigans, for more details.











Type of Ad	Mo Price (\$)	Year Price (\$)	Size Horizontal	Size Vertical
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1/2 page	70	775	5.25Tx8.25W	10.75Tx4.125W
Full Page	90	1000	n/a	10.75Tx8.25W

Invoices for advertisements will come from IHPA Treasurer, Lisa Montgomery. Payment should be made payable to the IHPA, and mailed to Lisa.

IHPA Board Meeting

J A N U A R Y

-  The IHPA Board of Directors is working hard on creating a "Duties of Officers"/"Outlines and Procedures" document to ease the transition of new officers and committee members
-  The IHPA Youth Scholarship recipient program is underway. All bees and equipment have been donated for the seven scholars, and mentors are lined up. Thank you!!! The idea of a scholarship excursion weekend is being planned where students would learn as many things as possible about bees through multiple classes/workshops, and working with live colonies
-  The IHPA is going to reinstate the "Beekeeper of the Month" spotlight. District Directors will be selecting a noteworthy beekeeper in their area to write a story for The Buzz
-  The IHPA made a motion to gift a free membership to the IHPA for the first year that they are taking a beginning beekeeper class (free electronic Buzz, \$10 paid by member for mailed Buzz)
-  The Iowa State Fair Committee will be meeting on February 5th to discuss the possibility of moving the bid date up for honey/products among other items, such as spacing/layout of the IHPA booth
-  The IHPA is looking for people to form a Fundraising Committee to raise money for the organization
-  The board is also looking into meeting more frequently via Zoom to keep agenda items moving. The first Zoom meeting will be February 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
-  The next in person meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2022 1:00-4:30 p.m. @ the Danfoss Room at the Ames Public Library

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I would like to be a Mentor for the Youth Scholarship Program

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Deadline for submissions to The Buzz is always the 10th of the month prior to when you would like to see information published at 11:59 p.m.

Please see details about advertisements on pages 12-13.

If writing an article for The Buzz, submissions must be 800 words or less. Pictures are encouraged!

March Buzz topics of interest:

- How to prepare to make splits
- How to go about showing and/or selling product at the Iowa State Fair (ISF)
- Experiences and tips about volunteering at the ISF
- Things to consider when putting together an observation hive
- How to get involved selling honey and/or honey products at your local farmers' market

Deadline to submit information for the March Edition of The Buzz

Thursday, February 10th at 11:59 p.m.

*If you need assistance designing your advertisement,
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