Beginning Beekeeping Resource Guide
for Northeast Kansas

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Resources for Better Beekeeping
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Best Books:
A Field Guide to Honey Bees and their Maladies, Penn State (free download or spiral bound book)
ABC and XYZ of Bee Culture, A. I. Root
American Honey Plants, F. C. Pellett
**A Year in the Life of an Apiary, Keith S. Delaplane, Ph.D (has a companion DVD)
Beekeeping Basics, Penn State (free download or spiral bound book)
Beekeeping in the United States, USDA Ag Handbook #335
**Beekeeper’s Handbook, Diane Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile
First Lessons in Beekeeping, C.P. Dadant
**Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping, Dewey M. Caron
Honey Bee Pests, Predators, and Diseases, R. A. Morse
Honey in the Comb, E. Killion
Honey Plants of North America, John H. Lovell
How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey, Walter T. Kelley
Starting Right With Bees, A. I. Root Co.
The Hive and the Honey Bee, edited by Dadant and Sons
The Biology of the Honey Bee, Mark Winston
What Do You Know?, Clarence H. Collison
Wisdom of the Hive, Tom Seeley
**top picks for new beekeepers

Books For Kids:
The Bee Tree, Patricia Polacco
The Life and Times of the Honeybee, Charles Micucci
The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive, Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen
Questions and Answers about Bees, Betty Polisar Reigot

Journals:
American Bee Journal, Dadant and Sons, Inc., Hamilton, Ill.
Bee Culture, A.I. Root Co., Medina, Ohio  (subscribe through NEKBA and
Save $)

Bee Associations:
Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association  Kansas Honey Producers
Robert Burns, Treasurer  Robert Burns, Treasurer
7601 W. 54th Terr.  7601 W. 54th Terr.
Shawnee Mission, KS  66202  Shawnee Mission, KS  66202
913.831.6096  rburns@kc.rr.com  913.831.6096  rburns@kc.rr.com

Midwest Beekeepers (KC Area-MO)  American Beekeeping Federation
Midwestern Beekeepers’ Association  Membership Services
Tanya Fisher, membership  3525 Piedmont Road, Building 5, Suite 300
715 S Prairie Ln, Raymore MO 64083  Atlanta, GA 30305
816-322-9245  t.fisher@kinglouie.com  www.abfnet.org

American Honey Producers
Carrie Jensen, P. O. Box 158  ABF “e-Buzz” monthly newsletter
Power, MT 59468
Beekeeping Supplies and Equipment:
***Catalogs are a great source of accurate, up-to-date information.

Heartland Honey and Beekeeping Supplies
(Joli Winer & Cecil Sweeney)
19201 S. Clare Road
Spring Hill KS 66803
913-856-8356
e-mail: joli@heartlandhoney.com
www.heartlandhoney.com
**Package bees

Fisher Bee Supply
4005 NE 132nd St.
Smithville, MO 64089
816-532-4698
**Package bees

Draper’s Super Bee
Rt. 3, Auburn, NE 68308
402.274.3725
http://www.draperbee.com/

Dadant and Sons
1318 11th St., Sioux City, IA 51102
http://www.dadant.com

Mann Lake Supply Co.
First & 40, Hackensack, MN 56452
http://www.mannlakeltd.com

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm
610 Bethany Church Rd., Moravian Falls, NC 28654
http://www.brushymountainbeefarm.com

Recipes and Marketing Information:

National Honey Board
11409 Business Park Circle, Suite 210, Firestone, CO 80504-9200
Sign up for “The Honey Feast”--monthly recipes sent to you via e-mail and
great source for the latest news from the honey industry.

Informative Web Sites:
WARNING: know where you are getting your information. There is a lot of false information on the
internet but it can also be an excellent resource. Investigate some of these sites for reliable help.

Biology and basic beekeeping –

Mid-Atlantic Apiculture Research & Extension Consortium – MAAREC -
https://agdev.anr.udel.edu/maarec/ – beginning beekeeping resources

Cornell University – Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Studies - http://www.masterbeekeeper.org/info/tips.htm –
beginning beekeeping tips and resources (check out their management calendar)

https://agdev.anr.udel.edu/maarec/beginning-beekeeping-2/apiary-location/ - where to place your hive
equipment
http://smallfarm.about.com/od/beekeeping/ss/How-To-Inspect-A-Beehive.htm - how to inspect a hive
http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in869 - starting with nucs
http://www.apinews.com/en/news/item/12276-usa-how-to-make-a-record-keeping-in-beekeeping -
keeping records about your hives
hives
Bee Source - http://www.beesource.com/ - online community for beekeepers
http://www.extension.org/bee_health - bee health
(a fun site to investigate): http://www.badbeekeeping.com/weblinks.htm

Diseases and Pests-
http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/ar/archive/nov07/beettle1107.htm - Small hive beetle
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_W0XtreLTU - life cycle of bee with varroa mite—excellent video from USDA-ARS

Fall management –
http://kalamazoobeeclub.org/index.php/12-how-to/55-candyboards
http://homestead.org/KimFlottum/WinteringBees/Winter.htm

Becky’s favorites:

University of Nebraska
Marion Ellis, Ph.D offers a wonderful master beekeeping course in Meade, NE. Check out the site for dates and great beekeeping info in Bee Tidings--Nebraska newsletter. Note from Joanna Voigt: Marion Ellis retired from the University of Nebraska in January 2014, and I was unable to find information on his Master Beekeeping Classes for 2014. For this year’s University of Nebraska – Extension Beekeeping workshops, organized by Vaughn Hammond, follow this link: http://kimmeltev.org/2014/01/22/2014-beekeeping-workshops/

Ohio State University Extension, OSU Honeybee Laboratory. Dr. Jim Tew
www.honeybeelab.com

Mid-Atlantic Apiculture - http://ento.psu.edu/extension/bees - Research from Penn State Ag Ext;
Penn State online beekeeping course - http://beekeeping101.psu.edu/

www.gobeekeeping.com --excellent educational site
www.beekeeper.org/ -- A series of newsletters/articles over beekeeping topics
www.pollinator.com -- The Pollinator - Great flower pictures
www.beesource.com -- Barr’s Bee Source - woodworking plans and educational articles

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Kansas Rural Center - Beginning Beekeeping Resources

Online sources for information pertinent to getting started and maintaining your hives:

University of Minnesota Department of Entomology Bee Lab - http://beelab.umn.edu/ - Excellent source of information on honey bees, wild bees, beekeeping, and bee health. The Bee Lab is run by Dr. Marla Spivak, MacArthur Fellow and Distinguished McKnight Professor in Entomology, with excellent technical support of Mr. Gary Reuter and graduate students. Be sure to check out:

- The Bee Lab’s “how-to” beekeeping video series: http://beelab.umn.edu/Resources/VideoSeries/index.htm

University of Georgia - http://www.ent.uga.edu/bees/beekeeping.html - Concise and comprehensive source of information on beginning beekeeping, pollination, honeybee pests and diseases and other useful and interesting information pertaining to bees.


Books/Videos/Articles:


Beekeeping for Beginners – Article - GRIT magazine - http://www.grit.com/animals/bees/beekeeping-for-beginners-zkhz13zte1.aspx#axzz2lP9EKjQy
Native/wild bees and pollination resources:


Partners for Sustainable Pollination - [http://pfspbees.org/](http://pfspbees.org/)

The Pollinator Partnership - [http://www.pollinator.org/](http://www.pollinator.org/)

Information on wild bees, diversity and pollination. [http://beelab.umn.edu/About/index.htm](http://beelab.umn.edu/About/index.htm)


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