

RESOURCES -

This document is intended as a reference for beekeeping information, vendors both local and national, and beekeeping books available through a local publisher (Wicwas Press is out of Kalamazoo, MI). Use it at your own discretion. Website and contact information may change over time.

Beekeeping magazines

- Bee Culture : the magazine of American Beekeeping
 - www.beeculture.com
- American Bee journal
 - www.americanbeejournal.com

Local supplier for equipment, supplies and bees:

- Don Lam Bees (Holland, MI)
 - <http://donlambees.com>

Catalogs for beekeeping equipment and supplies:

- Dadant (retail location in Albion, MI)
 - www.dadant.com
- Mann Lake (Hackensack, MN)
 - www.mannlakeltd.com
- Kelley Beekeeping (Clarkson, KY)
 - www.kelleybees.com
- Brushy Mountain (main office is in North Carolina)
 - www.brushymountainbeefarm.com
- Betterbee (Greenwich, NY)
 - www.betterbee.com
- Great Lakes Bee Supply (Galesburg, MI)
 - www.greatlakesbeesupply.com
- Blue Sky Bee Supply (Ravenna, Ohio)
 - www.blueskybeesupply.com

Books from Wicwas Press

- **First lessons in Beekeeping** (Keith S. Delaplane, 2007)
 - *First Lessons in Beekeeping* introduces the prospective beekeeper to the basics of beekeeping through easy-to-understand text and numerous color photos on honey bee biology, beekeeping equipment, management, honey production and processing, as well as disease diagnosis and treatment. In the preface to this book, author Keith Delaplane says of his first book on beekeeping, "Its pages opened to me a golden world of honey bees and beekeeping and guided my stumbling steps that first spring season. My story is but one of thousands who have passed through the door opened by Dadant's little book."
- **Beekeeping, a seasonal guide** (Ron Brown, 2010)
 - From the stirrings of spring and summer swarms to autumn honey harvest and winter protection, this essential resource guides both the aspiring and experienced beekeeper through every season of the bee-keeping year. Learn how to rear a queen, control a swarm, protect a hive, and keep bees healthy. The book is also packed with practical tips on using beeswax and, of course, making hone
- **Better beekeeping** (Kim Flottum, 2011)
 - Thousands of beekeepers have started beekeeping thanks to Kim Flottum's first book, *The Backyard Beekeeper*, and they have added to their repertoire of skills with *The Backyard*

Beekeeper's Honey Handbook. Now, *Better Beekeeping* answers the question, "What do I do now that I'm a beekeeper?" This book takes serious beekeepers past the beginning stages and learning curves and offers solutions and rewards for keeping bees a better way. Better queens, better winters, better food, and better bees await any beekeeper willing to take on the challenge of having the right number of bees, of the right age, in the right place, in the right condition, at the right time.

- **Beekeepers handbook – fourth edition** (Diana Sammataro, Alphone Avitabile, 2011)
 - Featuring clear descriptions and authoritative content, this handbook provides step-by-step directions accompanied by more than 100 illustrations for setting up an apiary, handling bees, and working throughout the season to maintain a healthy colony of bees and a generous supply of honey. This book explains the various colony care options and techniques, noting advantages and disadvantages, so that beekeepers can make the best choices for their own hives.

Nucs, packages and queens (seasonal)

While the Northern Bee Network (<http://www.northernbeetwork.org>) provides an excellent resource for obtaining bees, not everyone with bees available is on that site. You can find additional sources for bees at local bee clubs. Here is a listing, by no means complete, of additional sources for nucs, packages and queens.

- Don Lam Bees (5 frame nucs and packages) Pick up in Holland, MI.
 - www.donlambees.com
- AWS Bees (pick up Swartz Creek, MI)
 - www.awsbeesllc.com
- Bee Snug Honey & Hive (Kalamazoo, MI)
 - <http://beesnug.com>
- Alamo Honey Farms (Kalamazoo, MI)
 - <https://www.alamohoneyfarms.com/index.html>
- Kzoo Queen Bees – Dr. Larry Connor (Galesburg, MI)
 - Craig Fuller – scfuller@chartermi.net
 - Greg Willis – Willis.willis3@gmail.com
- Doug Grooters (Jennison, MI)
 - Doug.Grooters@kentcountymi.gov
- Beeline Apiaries & Woodenware (Mendon, MI)
 - beeline@abcmailbox.net