



FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

<http://floridabeekeepers.org>

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership is open to anyone interested in beekeeping activities in Florida. Benefits include:

1. Discount subscriptions to American Bee Journal, Bee Culture, The Speedy Bee
2. Representation in the legislative arena in Tallahassee and at U.S. national beekeeping meetings
3. Increased support for research and education about honey bees and beekeeping
4. Regularly published newsletter, The Florida Beekeeper, web site: <http://floridabeekeepers.org> and FSBA Ezine (members only)
5. Annual convention held in different locations around the state (October - November)
6. Active honey queen program
7. Support of beekeeping in urban areas through liaison with the Florida Apiary Inspection Bureau
8. Support of local, small-scale processing and marketing of honey through reasonable food safety regulations

Association membership now eclipses 800 active members. Many of these beekeepers are affiliated with over 20 local associations. See a list of these at:

<http://floridabeekeepers.org/localassociations.htm>

This robust growth in the beekeeping community has produced a large population of new beekeepers to educate. It has also been a focus of recent Association activities in cooperation with Florida's Master Beekeeper Program <http://ufhoneybee.com> Recently, the Association has been further supporting beekeepers by:

1. Exploring options in terms of making local beekeeping regulations that provide for the public safety, while allowing residents to keep bees responsibly.
2. Exploring options to encourage small-scale honey processing and marketing, while providing a safe food product for the public.
3. Supporting an active honey queen program, geared to marketing honey to the consuming public.

Florida beekeepers also participate in two important committees: 1) Honey Bee Technical Council sponsored by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) advises Florida's Agriculture Commissioner on various honeybee issues. Contact Jerry Hayes: ph 352-372-3505 ext. 128., and 2) Apiculture Advisory Committee sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau Federation <http://floridafarmbureau.org> Contact Frankie Hall: ph 352- 378-8100.

The contributions of the above committees, in conjunction with the Association cooperating with both the University of Florida's Bee College and Master Beekeeper Program as well as Florida's Apiary Inspection Bureau, provide an environment that supports beekeeping without parallel in the U.S. Join Florida's beekeeping community today!

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<http://floridabeekeepers.org/pdf/FSBAmembershipRENEWjoin.pdf>

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