



Visit a State Apiary

Join the MDAR Apiary Team to get a tour of live honey bee colonies, hands-on demonstrations of colony management techniques, and learn the latest information on how to best sustain honey bee health in the Commonwealth.

Educational topics focus on honey beekeeping and regional management techniques. Events are held in person and are free and open to the public, no (pre)registration required.

Visit:

mass.gov/service-details/state-apiaries
for dates, times and locations.



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mass.gov/apiary-program-honey-bees

- Request an inspection
- Register your apiary
- Event schedules and links
- Shipment notifications
- Apiary laws and regulations
- Join our (e)mailing list and much more...



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Apiary Program



The MDAR Apiary Program's mission is to promote and sustain apiculture and honey bee health in the Commonwealth by providing support to honey beekeepers, pesticide applicators, farmers, educators, students, municipalities, and the public.



The Apiary Program serves in the role of both the regulatory authority for the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to honey bees and beekeeping in the Commonwealth as well as an outreach education service. The Apiary Program is responsible for the performance of the following duties:

- Inspect, sample and monitor for honey bee pests, pathogens, parasites, and invasive species
- Prevent establishment of new honey bee pests, pathogens, parasites, and invasive species
- Investigate incidences of health issues or colony death
- Issue Health Certificates, as needed, for interstate movement of honey bee colonies
- Provide technical assistance, continuing education, and outreach to stakeholders
- Communicate with local, regional, national, and international stakeholders with a focus on beekeeping associations and organizations
- Conduct state-wide annual health surveys of apiculture and honey bee health
- Manage State Apiaries
- Monitor honey bee apiaries during state aerial mosquito control applications as required
- Participate in the USDA-APHIS National Honey Bee Survey or facilitate state participation through university collaboration



For more information visit the MDAR Apiary Program Website:
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