



## Visit A State Apiary!

Are you interested in learning more about honey bees?

If so, join the Apiary Program team for a **Hive Dive** educational program featuring a tour of a live working honey bee colony and discussions with experts at one of MDAR's two State Apiary locations: Amherst, MA and Danvers, MA.

Visit the Apiary Program website to get more information about where the programs are held:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mdar-state-apiaries>



## Stay Connected to The Bee Buzz!

Visit the Updated MDAR Apiary Program Website -

<https://www.mass.gov/apiary-program-honey-bees>

- ❖ Learn more about honey bee health
- ❖ Learn more about laws and regulations pertaining to beekeeping
- ❖ Read the MA Pollinator Plan
- ❖ Join the mailing list to stay up to date on current events, etc.
- ❖ Find local honey near you
- ❖ Be listed as a local honey supplier



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# Apiary Program



Supporting  
Massachusetts'  
Apiculture One  
Hive At A Time!



# FAQ

## **How many honey beekeepers and hives do we have in MA?**

*There is a large and diverse population as current estimates indicate 4-4,500 active beekeepers managing 40-45,000 hives.*

## **How many MA crops rely on honey bees for pollination?**

*Over 45% of agricultural commodities rely on honey bees for crop pollination.*

## **How do I request a hive inspection?**

*Visit MDAR Apiary Program website to submit an online request form.*

## **Who should I contact if I suspect my honey bees were killed by pesticides?**

*Contact the Apiary Program immediately to report this issue.*

## **Who should I contact if I found a nest of honey bees?**

*Contact your local county beekeepers association to find a list of individuals to remove the bees.*

## **What can I do to help pollinator populations?**

*Read the MA Pollinator Plan on the MDAR Apiary Program website to*

## ***“Ensuring the health of honey bees in the Commonwealth”***



*MDAR’s Apiary Program has been established to promote and sustain apiculture in the Commonwealth by providing support to honey beekeepers, pesticide applicators, farmers, land managers, educators, students, regulators, academia, government officials and the public. The Program is comprised of a team of highly trained and knowledgeable staff consisting of a Chief Apiary Inspector and full-time Seasonal Inspectors located throughout the state to service the needs of stakeholders and their honey bees.*

### **The Apiary Program Offers the Following Services:**

- ❖ Inspect, sample and monitor honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and hive equipment for pests, parasites and pathogens.
- ❖ Register apiaries and colonies for beekeepers.
- ❖ Prevent establishment of new pests, parasites, pathogens, and Africanized honey bees (*Apis mellifera scutellata*).
- ❖ Investigate suspected honey bee kills from pesticides and pathogen spillover from American Foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*).
- ❖ Provide technical assistance, continuing education, and outreach to all audiences on topics related to honey bee biology, health, colony management, and pollination.
- ❖ Issue permits for interstate movement of honey bees and hive equipment.
- ❖ Promote honey beekeepers and the local beekeeping industry through marketing of Massachusetts-produced honey and hive products.
- ❖ Communicate with local, regional and national audiences to stay current on trends in honey bee health, management techniques and treatment options.