A photograph of a beehive yard in a grassy field. A black truck with a yellow canopy is parked on the left, loaded with white boxes. A long line of colorful beehives (white, blue, red, orange) extends from the truck towards the right. The background features a row of trees and a blue sky with white clouds. The image is framed by a decorative orange hexagonal pattern.

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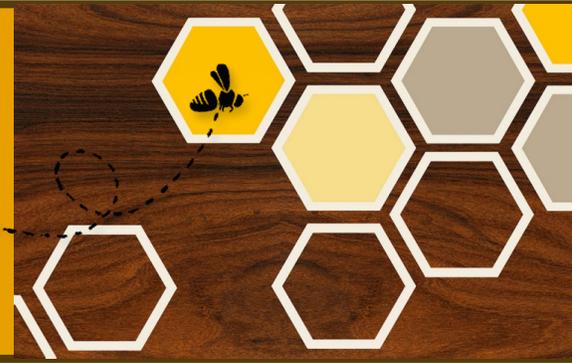
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MBA Chairperson's Summer Report



Before I sat down this morning to write the chairperson's quarterly report, I had an unsettling article forwarded to me. It was something that I see more and more often and I'd like to take this opportunity in this report to channel the discussion throughout the membership and initiate the conversation.

All my life I have championed agriculture. I have promoted progressive management practices within our farm as we focus on food production, conservation and sustainable development. As a beekeeper my hives have provided me with a direct connection to the natural world. With that connection I have focused my perspective to include biodiversity and the preservation of natural habitat as we manage a difficult balance between the health of the environment and progressive food production practices.

Honey bees have always been seen as a piece of nature. A good healthy environment has always included honey bees as a positive part of a balanced system and beekeepers have always been seen as a positive influence and as stewards of the land.

Honey bees and the industry beekeepers have developed around them is under attack. More often, I hear a negative tone toward honey bees, the act of beekeeping and its negative effect towards the health and prosperity of the natural world.

Articles such as this: www.greematters.com/p/how-honey-industry-affects-environment, present an argument of unethical, environmentally disruptive "BIG HONEY", which creates conclusions that honey bees are "a sort of insectoid monoculture, pushing out any other pollinators that might otherwise have called an area home". These articles no longer linger within writings of fringe groups but have made their way into mainstream postings and publications.

As beekeepers we need to fight back. As an industry we need to galvanize our positive efforts. We all need to communicate the positive efforts that beekeepers employ to preserve the natural environment and to complement the sustainable efforts made by farmers who manage the lands.

Beekeepers have an opportunity here to become ambassadors of balance. We have our foot in both doors- agricultural development and environmental sustainability. Our industry does not survive without healthy balanced outcomes on both sides; as beekeepers, we must maintain and preserve this balanced approach.

Our reliance on the biodiversity across the country -within treed areas, sloughs, wetlands and riparian areas- makes us the voice of conservation because our colonies need that natural growth for food throughout the year. Our reliance on agricultural development for limitless flowers and pollination opportunities makes us the voice of sustainable development that promotes co-existence with farmers to maintain our livelihoods.

As our industry moves forward, we must not take our place for granted. Sustainable development starts at home with the decisions we make. As an industry, we need to champion these efforts that preserve our livelihood and to do that we need to ensure that our agricultural environment thrives throughout a balanced perspective. Do not allow someone else to tell our story.



Canadian Honey Council Report

Summer 2021

Canadian Honey Council



Osee Podolsky

Every year brings its own unique challenges and hurdles to overcome. This spring beekeeping season seemed to be no different. Over winter losses seemed to be spotty across the country with some higher losses reported initially in Quebec, as well as the western provinces in British Columbia and Alberta. The cool weather did effect some of the pollination of the blueberries in the east and the fruit trees in the west, but for the most part it still faired well. Even through the cool weather, the bees seem to have built up well, and most beekeepers across Canada seem satisfied with their hives. Partially due to Nuc sales being strong this spring from British Columbia and Ontario. Spring queen mating success did not fare as well as hoped in some areas across Canada due to the weather conditions being poor during mating. The CHC has begun work on developing a standard definition of honey, especially in regard to what is considered raw unpasteurized honey vs pasteurized honey. The labeling definitions in those areas are a bit of a grey area at this time. Hopefully in developing these standards the market will become more representative of what the honey product actually is that is being marketed and sold by packers, as well as by beekeepers who bottle and sell their honey themselves. In turn this should bring a higher value to a more premium product. I wish everyone a good honey production season, and that things go smoothly without issues.

Stock Replacement Report

Package bees arriving into Canada proved to be difficult for another year. A combination of the airlines removing routes entirely, changing flight routings, as well as changing the aircraft type which fly these routes proved detrimental to the safe delivery of package bees from Australia and New Zealand. Approximately only 20% of the packages ordered for this spring actually arrived into Canada. Issues also arose with airlines changing the aircrafts to smaller more economical aircraft caused some issues with packages overheating and cooking during transport. Flights also caused issues with queen deliveries out of Hawaii and California. Many reports of shipments arriving a day later than expected caused some higher queen losses and quality issues in some shipments. As well as causing headaches for those expecting delivery on specific dates. Even through all this beekeepers still received their queens on time for splitting, making nucs, and replacing queens in problem hives. Nuc sales reports were strong from British Columbia and Ontario which helped offset the lack of stock arriving into Canada from oversees as packages. Hive numbers are reported to be right around normal across Canada after splitting season has finished. Work is currently still underway to get the queen import permit length to be increased to 45 days to help relieve some of the pressures on queen suppliers having valid permits to ship queens into Canada.



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K RTP Summer Report



Derek Micholson

The first spring for the K RTP was very busy. The Manitoba Bee Health Monitoring Program was developed to provide disease sampling services, hygienic behaviour testing, and general advice and guidance to participating operations in both the spring and fall. The K RTP had a decent uptake on the program with a total of 13 operations (representing all regions of the province) registering for services. Beekeepers chose their preferred selection of diagnostic options including varroa, nosema, virus, and AFB/EFB. Generally, varroa results were very low. However, a more surprising finding of the spring sampling was high nosema counts. While no obvious trends among regions were identified, average spore counts for all samples across the province was 5,000,000 spores/bee, with individual sample counts ranging from 0 to over 17,000,000 spores/bee. This data has been shared with our Provincial Apiarist and the results of this sampling may be used to improve recommendations for nosema in the province. Viral data was also shared with the participating associations observed between viral infections. A smaller number of operations with some interesting loads and varroa infestations or nosema samples were also sent to the NBDC results of those tests were forwarded



Over half of registered participants their breeder colonies screened for hygienic behaviour using the liquid nitrogen freeze-killed brood test. As anticipated, most colonies tested sub-par, however, a small number of colonies tested highly hygienic, allowing producers to fine-tune their breeder selections. As this is the first year offering this service to Manitoba beekeepers, it will be very interesting to follow the results of these tests from year to year, and hopefully see some improvements in overall hygienic behaviour of Manitoba-produced stock.

also chose to have a selection of



The K RTP has also been working hard to establish its research apiary. To date, roughly 80 colonies have been established in two apiary sites close to Winnipeg which will be used for an oxalic acid research trial this coming fall. The establishment of these research colonies was made possible by the generous donations of many beekeepers and equipment suppliers and the K RTP wishes to extend a huge THANK YOU to all those who have made donations to the program.

Recently, the K RTP has also committed to helping facilitate the collection of honey samples to be sent to Peter Awram in BC for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) testing to further develop a database of authentic Canadian honey. The K RTP would like to ask that any beekeepers interested in volunteering to submit honey samples please get in touch with Derek ASAP for more information and to arrange sample collection. Preference is for unifloral honeys wherever possible, but multifloral sources will also do.

All the best!

Derek Micholson, K RTP Lead

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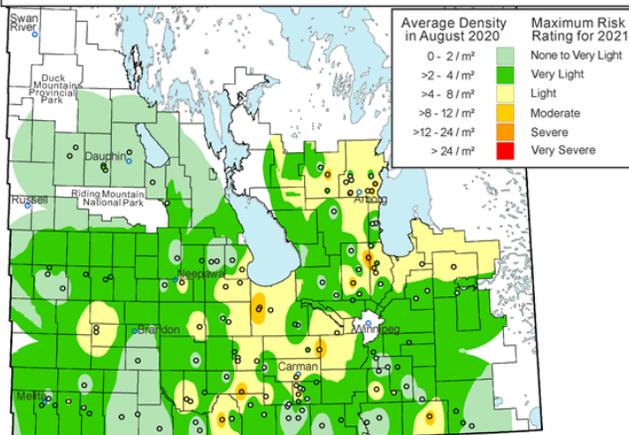


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Provincial Apiarist Report

Rhéal Lafrenière, Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development



Rhéal Lafrenière

2020-21 Preliminary Survey Results:

According to the 2020-21 Winter Loss Survey conducted in Manitoba, the preliminary estimate of the average percent losses in operations with 50 or more colonies was estimated to be 15.4%, which is better survival than I anticipated. I had 44 commercial beekeepers respond to this year's survey sent out via email, which was also suppose to be available online. Unfortunately, I was not able to get approval to release the survey online by the June 18th deadline for the "[Preliminary report on Honey Bee Wintering Losses in Canada \(2021\)](#)", published by the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA). Hopefully the online survey will be approved before the Final Report on National Wintering Losses is released in mid-July. As it stands right now, the average losses in Manitoba for commercial colonies wintered indoors was estimated to be 17.4% and outdoors 13.2%. Regardless, anytime winter losses are below 20% would be considered a good winter survival. Typically winter losses in Manitoba fall somewhere between 15% – 25% with 15% being on the low side of the normal range for losses.

This spring, we also collected winter loss data from non-commercial beekeepers (<50 colonies) and their preliminary average percent losses were slightly higher than the commercial beekeeper losses at 18.9%. We had 44 commercial beekeepers and 84 non-commercial beekeepers in the preliminary dataset, for a total of 128 beekeepers. In mid July, a full report of the loss statistics in Manitoba will be published on the [Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development Managed Bee webpage](#) and the [National Annual Colony Loss Report](#) will also be available on the CAPA website.

Inter-provincial movement of bees:

This spring, we saw more inter-provincial movement of bees into and from Manitoba than I have ever seen in my 25 years of services as a provincial Apiarist. We had hundreds of Manitoba nucs being sold to Saskatchewan, Ontario and Québec. At the same time, we also saw nucs being purchased by Manitoba beekeepers from beekeepers living in Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC. We also had Manitoba beekeepers bring in queens from other provinces as well as some Manitoba queen breeders selling queens to buyers in other provinces



It is important to note that if you are planning to **sell bees out of Manitoba, including queens, you need to contact me (i.e. Provincial Apiarist) to have your bees inspected before the bees would be allowed to enter into another province.** Every province has a provincial inter-provincial protocol indicating their bee health requirement as well as their inspection standard. Many of the provinces also have a permit application process that the buyer would have to have initiated prior to taking possession of the bees they purchased from an out of province seller (e.g. beekeeper from Saskatchewan).

Below are the links to the current Manitoba importation and inter-provincial movement protocol and application form:

- Importation and Inter-provincial Movement Protocols

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/production/pubs/manitoba-importation-and-inter-provincial-bee-movement-protocols.pdf>

- Inter-provincial Movement Application Form

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/production/pubs/inter-provincial-movement-form.pdf>

Canadian Honey Council has created an [inter-provincial movement webpage](#) that has all of the information relating to inter-provincial movement of bees from every province in Canada. This site will allow you to review the requirements to sell bees outside of Manitoba (i.e. inspection protocols for the provinces where the bees would be travelling through or to their final destination) or bring bees into Manitoba from another province (i.e. Manitoba's inter-provincial movement inspection protocol and application form).

Honey Bee Inspection Program:

In early May, the honey bee inspection program contractor (DLJ Consulting) began the 2021 inspection season, which had an inspection target of 5,450 honey bee colonies. At the time of writing this article (June 21, 2021), the contractor was well on their way to operation was confirmed to have AFB and another operations was confirmed to have EFB. A full update of the the next issue of the *Manitoba Beekeeper*.



reacting their target. To date, only 1 and another operations was confirmed inspection results will be published in



Marg Smith

Red River Apiarist Association



If you are anything like me, right now is such a busy time with the bees. The hives are boiling and swarm prevention is either happening, or already done. The supering has been done and, if you have been lucky enough to have had rain, you are eagerly awaiting the first extracting round.

Here in the Interlake, showers have been spotty in the South, around St. Andrews, and further North, the report is better. Crops vary inside of a few miles.

Checking in with our Mentees, we, the mentors, have found many questions about timing or supering and swarming, etc. That, too, varies with where these novices are located. It's been an exciting season, with lots of activity.

Our virtual meetings wound up in May, and will possibly need to continue in the Fall, but notice of resumption of those or in-person meetings will be sent to all currently paid-up members. We eagerly look forward to being able to meet in-person again, but know that there are risks involved. We hope that our fellow beekeepers are taking advantage of opportunities to become fully vaccinated, so that this can happen.

If you, or another beekeeper, are wanting information about membership, meetings, etc., please consult our RRAA website: www.manitobabeekeeping.com. You will find a whole "raft" of resources, and links to the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association, and all the other affiliated groups around Manitoba. There is also a link to our FB page.

That's it for now – have a BEEautiful summer – see you in the Fall. Marg

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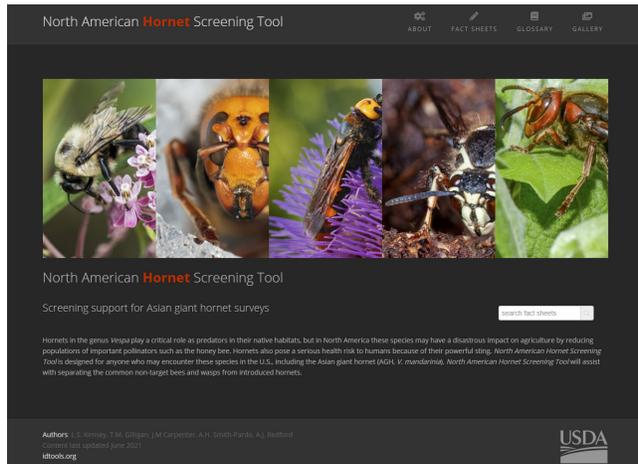
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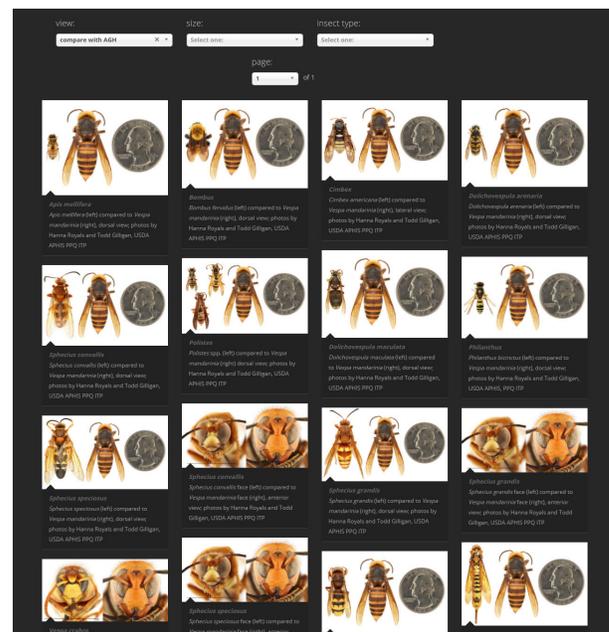
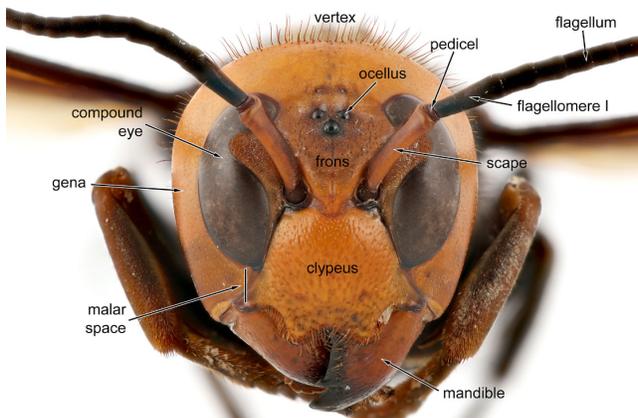
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Hornets in the genus *Vespa* play a critical role as predators in their native habitats, but in North America these species may have a disastrous impact on agriculture by reducing populations of important pollinators such as the honey bee. Hornets also pose a serious health risk to humans because of their powerful sting. *North American Hornet Screening Tool* is designed for anyone who may encounter these species in the U.S., including the Asian giant hornet (AGH, *V. mandarinia*). *North American Hornet Screening Tool* will assist with separating the common non-target bees and wasps from introduced hornets.

North American Hornet Screening Tool includes fact sheets and an interactive image gallery to support screening for Asian giant hornet and other potentially invasive hornet (*Vespa*) species. The interactive gallery can be used as a rudimentary key: by choosing one or more of the filters at the top, you can easily narrow down the images to only those that may match your specimen.



Screenshots: above, from the gallery, filtered to show images comparing non-targets with Asian giant hornet, and left, a diagram from the morphology page

A more in-depth version of this tool providing specialized information for identifiers on all exotic hornet (*Vespa*) species, will be released in 2022.

North American Hornet Screening tool is one of 47 online identification tool websites produced by the USDA Identification Technology Program (ITP). To learn more about ITP's products, including mobile apps and image collections, please visit <https://idtools.org> or email the ITP team in Fort Collins, CO at itp@usda.gov.

Are Your Colonies Ready to Overwinter?

Successfully overwintering your colonies can be a complicated task. From large commercial operations to backyard hives, beekeepers need to prepare for wintering in the heat of the summer. Seasoned beekeeper, Tom Nolan shares his key steps to getting bees ready for winter—so you can be cracking into stronger, healthier colonies in the spring!



Tom Nolan is the Founder and Past President of the *Urban Toronto Beekeepers Association* and lead Sales Representative for *NOD Apiary Products*. His personal mission: to ensure the sustainability of honey bee health. Tom shares his enthusiasm for honey bees by educating beekeepers on best management practices, Varroa control, swarm catching and by volunteering at an organic farm—all while running his successful beekeeping operation: *Hivetown Honey*.

1. MONITOR MITE LEVELS



Determining your colonies' mite counts is critical to inform if you should treat before the winter brood is produced. Ideally, mite counts should be performed monthly. Use a simple alcohol wash, sampling from a frame with older larva (just before capping) to get the best example of a hive's mite count. The typical threshold to prompt treatment is 1-3% infestation—about 3 to 9 mites in a sample of 300 bees.

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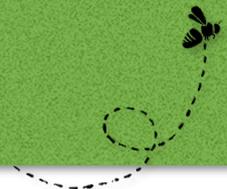
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MBA Report



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Not sure if you are ready to export? To export a product, there are many things that must be considered. This includes being a Registered Honey Establishment (under the Canadian Food Inspection Agency), having the appropriate grade/standard, having prescribed containers, correct labelling and meeting all health and safety requirements.

To learn more about exporting, check out the following websites:

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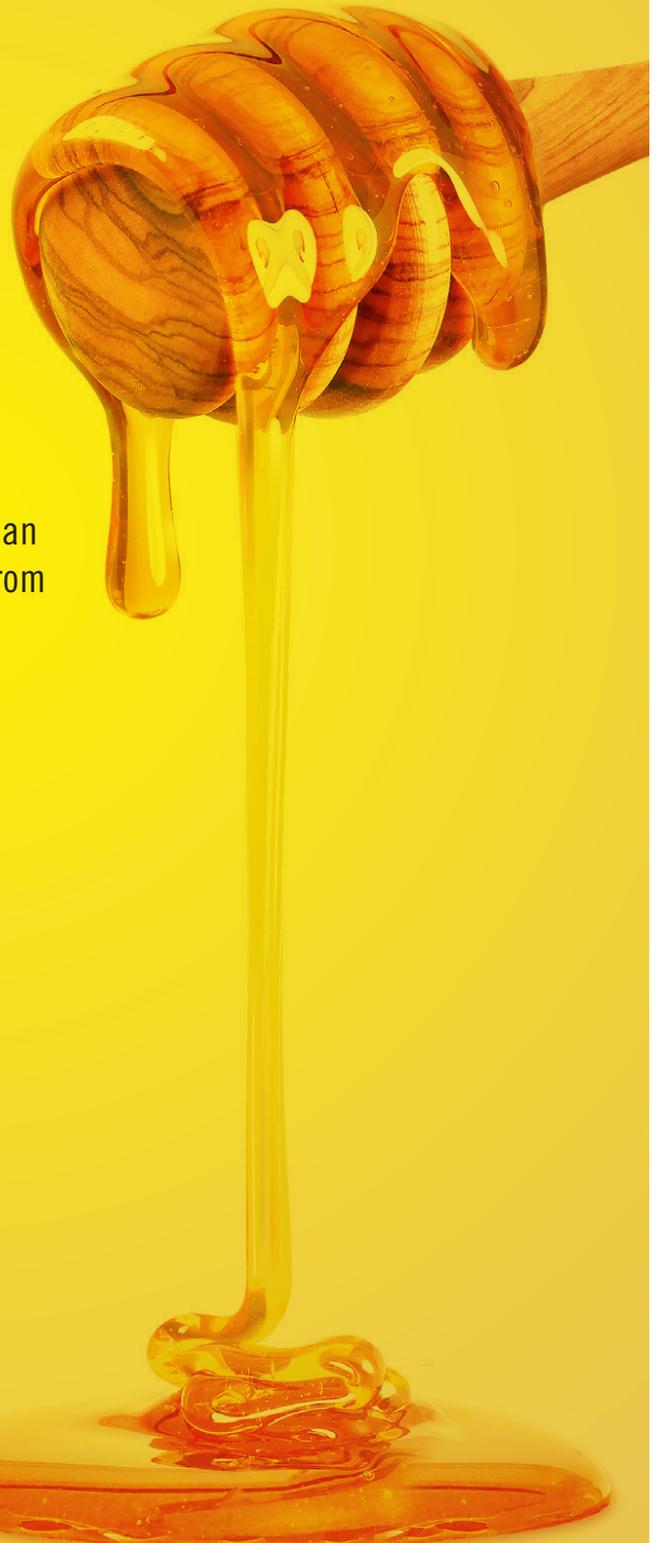


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HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing states by packers, handlers & other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery & payment unless otherwise stated.

- REPORT INCLUDES BOTH NEW AND OLD CROP HONEY - (# Some in Small Lot --- +Some delayed payments or previous commitment)

DAKOTAS

Clover	White	\$1.50	-	\$1.60
Clover	Extra Light Amber	\$1.50	-	\$1.80
Clover	Light Amber	\$1.50		
Mixed Flower	Extra Light Amber	\$1.50		
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.50		

FLORDIA

Brazilian Pepper	Light Amber	\$1.80		
Gallberry	Light Amber	\$1.80	-	\$2.05
Gallberry	Amber	\$2.05		
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.80		
Orange	White	\$2.40		

LOUISIANA

Tallow	Light Amber	\$1.80		
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MISSISSIPPI

Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.75		
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MONTANA

Clover	White	\$1.60	-	\$1.85
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OREGON

Knapweed	Extra Light Amber	\$1.55		
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.55		

WYOMING

Clover	White	\$1.73		
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Prices paid to Canadian Beekeepers for unprocessed, bulk honey by packers and importers in U. S. currency, f.o.b. shipping point, containers included unless otherwise stated. Duty and crossing charges extra. Cents per pound.

Clover	White	No Sales		
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Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound, ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.

ARGENTINA

Clover	White	\$1.34	-	\$1.94
Clover	Extra Light	\$1.91	-	\$1.92
Mixed Flowers	White	\$1.19	-	\$1.84
Mixed Flowers	Extra Light	\$1.66	-	\$1.89
Mixed Flowers	Light Amber	\$1.72	-	\$1.84

BRAZIL

Mixed Flowers	Light Amber	\$0.80	-	\$1.66
Orange	White	\$1.75		
Orange	Extra Light	\$1.75		
ORGANIC	Extra Light	\$1.80	-	\$1.86
ORGANIC	Light Amber	\$1.73	-	\$1.92
ORGANIC	Amber	\$1.84		

INDIA

Mixed Flower	White	\$0.98	-	\$1.19
Mixed Flower	Extra Light	\$0.94	-	\$1.18
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$0.82	-	\$1.17
Mustard	White	\$0.93		
Mustard	Extra Light	\$0.93	-	\$1.05
Mustard	Light Amber	\$1.19		
ORGANIC	Light Amber	\$0.89		

UKRAINE

Sunflower	Extra Light	\$0.85	-	\$0.96
Mixed Flower	White	\$1.05		

URUGUAY

Mixed Flower	White	\$1.33		
Mixed Flower	Extra light	\$1.29		
Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$1.72		

VIETNAM

Mixed Flower	Light Amber	\$0.77	-	\$1.03
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COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING MAY 2021

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT (MD, PA, VA, WV): The beautiful month of May brought plenty of activity among the colonies as bee numbers swelled with the very active brood rearing. Splits were being reported and swarms were being captured. Many novice beekeepers were looking to replace lost queens (to death or swarms) with local supplies. Colonies have lots of capped nectar and honey production is reported as very good. Black locust and tulip poplar trees, the latter which is a major nectar source in the District, had outstanding flow. Brambles, blueberries, and a plethora of wildflowers assisted in the pollen and nectar effort. The weather cooperated for the most part; however, the District again experienced a roller coaster of temperatures. Early May started off cool and damp, then overnight temperatures soared to the upper eighties. Following a short period of mostly normal temperatures (during peak bloom), the District dropped to cool with only isolated showers. Some areas did not receive the needed rainfall. The weather service

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- Move hives
- Collect and package honey, beeswax
- Bee yard maintenance
- Manufacture, assemble & maintain hive equipment
- Operate & maintain other apiary related equipment
- Keep limited field and/or production records
- 1 year previous commercial beekeeping experience required

Start Date:

Feb 1/2021 - April 12/2021

End Date: November 1/2022

Wage: \$12.25 - \$15.00 upon experience

Positions Available: 20

APIARY HARVESTER

Duties:

- Supering hives
 - Harvesting honey
 - Cleaning honey extraction & storage equipment
 - Honey extraction
 - Barrel moving, preparation, filling & storage
 - Manufacture, assemble, maintain hive equipment
 - Bee yard maintenance
- No experience required.

Start Date:

June 1/2021- July 12/2021

End Date:

September 17/2021 - November 1/2021

Wage: \$11.76 - \$15.00 upon experience

Positions Available: 20

APIARY TECHNICIAN

Duties:

- Handle, feed, and care for honey colonies
- Co-ordinate in the production of nucs, queens, or replacement hives
- Recognize and report hive health issues & apply appropriate cures/controls
- Move hives
- Drive and maintain vehicles
- Collect and package honey, beeswax
- Bee yard maintenance
- Manufacture, assemble & maintain hive equipment
- Operate & maintain other apiary related equipment
- Keep field and/or production records
- Interact with external farm personnel
- 2 year previous commercial beekeeping experience required.
- May require travel to Kelowna, BC area
- May supervise employees, very limited

Start Date:

February 1/2021 – April 12/2021

End Date: November 1/2022

Wage: \$14.31 - \$17.00 upon experience

Positions Available: 10

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