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Chairmans' Summer Report

Ian Stepler

As we enter the summer season, many of us have been dealt a challenging hand. It is especially frustrating after working so hard to bring our colonies into shape following a cold, wet spring.

Across southern Manitoba, many of us have learned far more than we ever wanted to know about the cabbage seedpod weevil, a pest that targets canola. Unfortunately, it moved into southern Manitoba last year and caused significant yield losses in canola crops. This season, economic threshold populations were reached early, well before the preferred crop stage, leaving many growers treating for this pest either because thresholds had been met or simply out of precaution and uncertainty.

The timing of these applications presents a significant challenge for beekeepers, as treatments typically occur when canola is at the 15–20% bloom stage. The insecticides most commonly used are pyrethroids, including products such as Silencer, and Matador. Many producers choose to delay insecticide application until closer to 25% bloom so they can tank-mix it with their fungicide application. Others are targeting peak insecticide efficacy at 15% bloom, applying a half-rate fungicide at the same time, followed by a second half-rate fungicide application around 40% bloom. Regardless of the strategy, honey bees, native pollinators, and many beneficial insects remain at risk of exposure and mortality. As beekeepers, it is important that we maintain a proactive message with farmers as we work together to reduce pesticide exposure risks. We also need to ensure that beekeepers are not perceived as part of the problem while farmers and applicators manage this challenging pest.

Our association has been working closely with the Manitoba Canola Growers Association to deliver consistent, proactive messaging to canola producers.

The key message is simple: **the best time to apply insecticide is in the evening.** Evening applications not only minimize exposure to honey bees and native pollinators, but they also improve control of the cabbage seedpod weevil, which becomes more active later in the day and is therefore easier to target.

Our message should reinforce three key principles: **know the pest, know the product, and know the proper timing for application.** Applying the right product at the right time is critical to achieving effective pest control while minimizing unnecessary risks to honey bees and other beneficial insects.

Hopefully, the relatively early treatment window will reduce honey bee losses compared with insecticide applications made during peak bloom. Continued communication and cooperation between beekeepers, growers, agronomists, and applicators will be essential to protecting both crop yields and pollinator health.

Another challenge that has faced Manitoba beekeepers is extreme weather, heavy rainfall and flash flooding. For some producers, excessive rainfall has caused submerged bee yards. This year, through the Manitoba government and administered through MASC, beekeepers who have encountered flooding losses will qualify for the Disaster Assistance Program. Valuation will be determined through the Wildlife Compensation program and verified through our Provincial Apiarist.

I'll finish off my report with a comment sent to me this morning from a Winnipeg beekeeper which relates to what we've all experienced lately:

*It's been a tough 3 weeks , rain almost every day in the Red River Valley, tornado warnings, high winds, no forage for the bees , flooding, wood ticks like I've never seen before, down trees and now a bear! It goes on and on. I was able to make splits late May that's about the only thing that worked out this spring . Also I was talking to Rhéal last week about this very trying year so far and one thing that stuck with me was when he said “**Control what you can control**”.*



MBA Field Day at Tom Lockhart's in Baldur, June 20th

Beekeeper Alert: Canola Bloom and Cabbage Seedpod Weevil Spraying

When canola is starting to bloom, beekeepers should assume there may be foliar insecticide applications for cabbage seedpod weevil (CSPW), because the main spray window often falls at early flowering when the first flowers are open and the earliest pods are forming. That timing overlaps directly with honey bee foraging in canola, so colonies beside or near blooming fields need closer attention during this period.

What beekeepers should watch for right now

CSPW scouting usually begins from bud to early bloom, and treatment is commonly considered around 10 to 20% bloom when counts reach threshold, often about 2 to 4 weevils per sweep or 20 to 40 per 10 sweeps depending on local guidance. Because many growers try to make this decision quickly once bloom starts, nearby apiaries may have little notice unless communication is already in place.

The highest bee-risk situations are canola fields sprayed during bloom, especially if insecticides are applied in daytime, under drift-prone conditions, or where flowering weeds are present along ditches, field edges, or around the bee yard. Most foliar products commonly used for CSPW are highly toxic to bees on the label, so even a single poorly timed application can cause direct losses or sublethal stress.

What to do as a beekeeper

Situation	Beekeeper action	Why it matters
Canola near your yard is just starting to bloom	Contact nearby growers now and ask whether they are scouting for CSPW and whether a bloom-time spray is possible.	The key spray window may arrive quickly once the crop reaches early bloom.
A grower says a CSPW spray may happen	Ask which field, what product, and what time of day the application is planned.	Bee risk depends heavily on whether spraying occurs during active foraging and whether the product is bee-toxic.
Hives are right beside blooming canola	Consider temporary relocation if practical, especially for small yards directly bordering the field expected to be treated.	Distance from the treated field can reduce direct exposure to spray droplets and fresh residues.
Moving bees is not practical	Make sure colonies have good ventilation and water, keep access clear, and inspect the yard early the next morning after the suspected spray window.	Colonies under heat or water stress are less resilient, and fresh mortality is easiest to confirm quickly.

You suspect a spray event	Photograph dead bees, note wind, weather, date, time, nearby field activity, and collect fresh samples according to guidance.	A prompt, well-documented record gives the best chance of a useful investigation.
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Signs of possible exposure

Watch for fresh dead bees in front of the hive, crawling or trembling bees that fail to fly, unusual numbers of bees spinning or disoriented on the landing board, and a sudden drop in field force after a known spray evening.[cite:25] In the days that follow, watch for weaker brood rearing, reduced incoming pollen, or colonies that decline faster than others in the same yard.

Practical protection steps during canola bloom

- Assume risk is highest from first bloom through early pod set, because that is the main CSPW treatment window.
- Ask growers to spray after bees stop flying for the day, not during daylight foraging hours.
- Watch for flowering weeds near the yard and along field margins, because drift onto those plants can expose bees even when the spray target is canola.
- Keep a written record of yard condition before bloom-time spray windows, including colony strength and any pre-existing issues.
- Inspect colonies the morning after any suspected CSPW spray and document abnormal mortality immediately.

Practical message for beekeepers

If canola is just starting to bloom, this is the time to call nearby growers, confirm whether CSPW spraying is likely, and pay close attention to yards beside flowering fields. For beekeepers, the most important actions are early communication, rapid post-spray inspection, and careful documentation if anything looks wrong.

Extension services, industry groups, and government agencies are actively sharing guidance with canola growers on how to spray for cabbage seedpod weevil while limiting honey bee mortality. This information is being delivered through crop schools, agronomy articles, label education campaigns, and pollinator-protection best-management-practice documents that stress evening or early-morning applications, threshold-based spraying, and clear communication with nearby beekeepers.

Interlake Summer Report

Paul Gregory

After a brutally cold and snowy Spring , our colonies are gathering honey and queens are mating in the nucs . We run several nucs per beeyard and I think this is a good strategy for keeping hive numbers up ... but as we all have heard the big news is : overland flooding has been horrific in many areas of Manitoba and Saskatchewan .

Our own region of the North Interlake has been spared with only some grain and oilseed fields being comprised with several inches of rain. I did look into our insurance policy with Northbridge Insurance and we had good coverage of \$225,000 with a premium of \$1,150 per year for overland flooding . I hope we never collect (like fire insurance) but it is comforting to know we have some backing .

Our Insurance broker is in Yorkton and are called Westland Insurance; but Northbridge is a large player in Ag Insurance that most brokers can access

On the seed side of things , we are disappointed that some of our seed growers did not get the bees promised and this will affect their livelihood . I do tell growers – maintain good communication with your pollinator as winter losses can be high . Likewise , if you promise a to place bees on a farmer's field and cannot do this – then tell the grower early in the season.

No bees – no seed .

We do hope our strategy of glycerine / acid pads followed by oxalic acid fumigation will work better than straight fumigation – time will tell. We did get spanked with high viral loads this Spring and mite monitoring will have to be done through the summer tis year.

I have heard in our Board's chat room of circumstances of ditches filled with soil in Southern Manitoba because on wind erosion – so disappointing, as this valuable top soil has taken hundreds of years to form. Regenerative soils do not erode . Likewise in regeneratively managed soil – water infiltration rates are several times greater than convention soil . When you see low areas drowned out after two / three inches of rain , this indicates poor soil management and the farmer needs to plant some clover / cover crops. With drone technology , seeding into standing beans / grain a few lb of clover per acre can make a difference .

Safe travels to all ,
Paul





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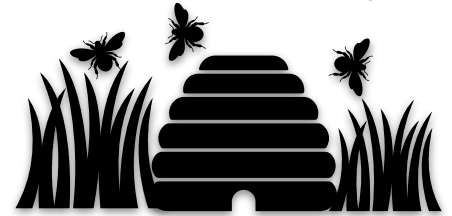
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Provincial Apiarist Report

Derek Micholson



What a season of extremes 2026 has been. The long, cold spring finally turned on its head in late May with an immediate jump to 30°C weather. And then, of course, the intense storms throughout June and early July...

I am aware of many producers impacted by extreme weather this season and I have already heard from quite a few of you. However, for those who may not already be aware, the provincial government announced a Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program back in June for those impacted by intense storms—including beekeepers. If you did not have alternate insurance coverage and can provide evidence (pictures, etc) of storm impacts to your colonies this season, you may be eligible for assistance. While there is no requirement for a minimum number of hives to be eligible for the program, a minimum deductible of \$2,500 or 20% (whichever is greater) is required.

More information on DFA programs can be found at these links:

- Ø **DFA For Farms:** <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/funding/dfa/farms.html>
- Ø **Fact Sheet:** https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/emo/dfafs-agricultural-claim-eligibility.pdf
- Ø **APPLICATION FORM:** <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/dfa-application/>

In addition to extreme weather, the provincial bee inspection program has once again been finding high levels of European Foulbrood through the province, with a current total (at the time of writing) of 28 operations testing positive for the disease this season; and 4 operations testing positive for American Foulbrood. It is more important than ever to be aware of each of these diseases and to be promptly removing and destroying any signs of either disease from your colonies.

For those who may have specific questions about the DFA program, please consider contacting the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization first at (204) 945-3050 or toll-free at 1-888-267-8298. However, if you feel I can assist you better, or for any other questions/concerns about bee health, please also feel free to reach out to me.

Aside from the extreme events, I hope you are all enjoying the season as much as possible!

Take care,

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Understanding Honey Bee Health Through Varroa Research

I am Charu Sharma and currently work as a research technician in Dr. Nuria Morfin's Honey Bee Lab at the University of Manitoba. My interest in honey bee health began during my undergraduate studies in agriculture in India and has since focused on understanding one of the major challenges facing beekeepers today—*Varroa destructor*.

Varroa destructor is an ectoparasitic mite recognized as the leading cause of honey bee colony losses worldwide. In addition to weakening bees through feeding, varroa is the primary vector of Deformed Wing Virus (DWV), making effective mite management essential for maintaining healthy colonies and improving overwinter survival.

During my Master's research at the University of Manitoba under the supervision of Dr. Rob Currie, I investigated how different oxalic acid treatment strategies affected varroa populations, virus levels, and colony performance under both indoor and outdoor wintering conditions. The research demonstrated that the effectiveness of oxalic acid depends not only on the treatment itself but also on treatment timing and initial mite infestation levels.

Although oxalic acid is one of the most widely used treatments for varroa control, its mode of action remains poorly understood. This question continues to motivate my current work as a technician in Dr. Morfin's lab. In addition to helping manage approximately 100 research colonies, processing molecular samples, and supporting the University's honey extraction facility, I contribute to several projects investigating honey bee health.

One of these projects, funded by the Canadian Bee Research Fund, is examining whether oxalic acid acts as an antifeedant by reducing the ability or willingness of varroa mites to feed on honey bees. I am also involved in a Research Manitoba-funded study examining how varroa infestations influence the microbial and pathogen communities within honey bee hemolymph. I hope this work will help improve varroa management and support healthier honey bee colonies.





KRTP SUMMER REPORT

The first half of the 2026 season has been another busy one. We've wrapped up two field trials and still have one underway.

This spring we completed:

1. **Evaluation of the efficacy and safety of an overwinter application of a slow-release oxalic acid-glycerin treatment against Varroa.** This concluded a two-year study conducted in collaboration with Dr. Sarah Wood and Dr. Alvaro de La Mora (University of Saskatchewan) and beekeeper Phil Veldhuis.
2. **Evaluation of queen vaccination with inactivated *P. larvae* on honey bee viral levels, colony health, and survival.** We're currently awaiting the final lab results before completing the analysis. This project is in collaboration with Dr. Nuria Morfin (University of Manitoba) and beekeeper Merv Malyon, with funding support from Project Apis m.

We're continuing our fourth year of field trials with GreenLight Biosciences' Norroa™, this season evaluating several new formulations.

I've often referenced the GreenLight results in these newsletters and have presented them each year at the MBA Convention. If you missed the convention this past March, you missed a good one – we had a fine time. Now for the good news. Until now, we've been limited in how widely we could share the data due to confidentiality agreements surrounding the research. Thankfully, that's changed. GreenLight has approved us to present the trial results online as part of our “**RNAi Against Varroa: Results from the Field**” webinar, hosted by the KRTP. We have a great lineup of presenters, and by the time you're reading this, the recording should be available on our YouTube channel. I'll also share the link on the main MBA website page. After several years of sharing these results at conferences, it's great to finally make the 2024 and 2025 trial results and key findings freely available online to review in a clear and accessible format.

Next up, we'll be hosting **Lynae Ovinge** from Alberta in early August for a presentation titled “**Varroa Control Options in Canada: What Beekeepers Can Use Now.**” She'll provide a timely review of the Varroa control products currently available to Canadian beekeepers and some practical considerations for using them effectively.

Keep an eye on the KRTP website as we continue to discuss emerging issues, launch new projects, share results from completed work, and expand our workshop and service offerings.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out. Whether you have a question, need information, or are looking for resources, we're here to support Manitoba beekeepers however we can. We also value your feedback – whether shared directly with us or through your MBA board members. Hearing what we're doing well, where we can improve, and what priorities you see for the future helps guide the next steps for both our industry and the KRTP as we work to address the challenges ahead.

Best wishes for a safe and bountiful harvest and healthy hives heading into fall.

Keep up with our regular updates on Facebook and Instagram, or visit us at manitobabee.org.

Matthew Polinsky
KRTP Program Lead



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Manitoba HoneyBee Day 2026 Report



Manitoba HoneyBee Day 2026 was held on Friday, May 29 at the BeeMaid facility in Winnipeg. This was the third year for Manitoba HoneyBee Day, and our second time bringing the event to Winnipeg.

The day was built around school group rotations, with students moving through hands-on learning areas focused on HoneyBees, pollination, honey production, bee health, and beekeeping equipment. The goal was to give students a chance to see, touch, hear, lift, smell, and taste their way through the beekeeping world, while speaking directly with beekeepers and industry people.

This year we had around 200 participants, including students, teachers, parents, and chaperones. The event continued to show how valuable hands-on agriculture and pollinator education can be when students are given the chance to experience it directly.

A big thank-you goes to BeeMaid for hosting the event and preparing student goodie bags, including honey and educational materials. Thank you as well to KRTP for supporting the education side, and to McKenzie Seeds for donating pollinator garden seed packets for the students.

Most importantly, thank you to the volunteers and industry members who showed up to run stations, guide students, answer questions, and keep the day moving. An event like this does not function without people from the beekeeping industry stepping in to man the different stations and bring the real-world experience that makes the day valuable for students.

Looking ahead, we are planning for Manitoba HoneyBee Day to return to Brandon in 2027. Anyone interested in being involved, volunteering, sponsoring, helping with stations, or connecting schools with the event is welcome to contact me.

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Summer Report

Hello All, by the time everyone receives this report Manitoba had the spring of no other on record and it was crazy temps! It went from winter to summer and back to winter and now we're receiving cooler temps for spring and a ton of rain in most areas.

Crops for the most part are seeded, and some areas drowned out and reseeded won't be an option. Canola in a lot of places is starting to bloom as well as the clovers. Hopefully the Disaster Financial Assistance that was announced by the province will help those in need that lost or the water damaged their hives.

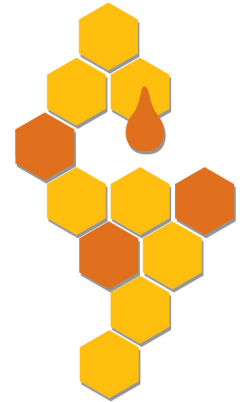
By the sounds of things, spring buildup was nonexistent due to the cold spring, and bees have dwindled backwards if they weren't strong enough. Lots of beekeepers that wintered outside waited to unwrap to try and help with the dwindling and late pollen. The overall losses were on the high side for Manitoba with many making late splits into July as we speak.

The overall honey crop probably will be below normal do to the higher-than-normal losses and high bee replacement for honey production. As either they can't or it's too late.

On the bright side of the industry the honey prices are rising due to world changes on trade so keep our fingers crossed!

Thanks everyone for your time and looking forward to the summer!

Mike Grysiuk



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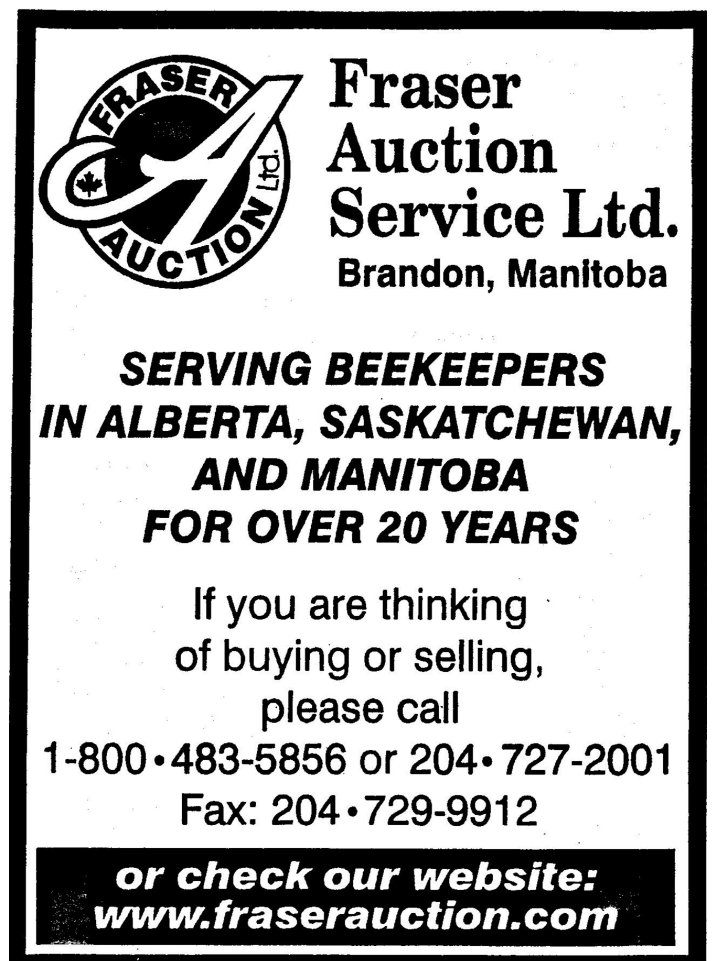


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HARLTON APIARIES has 4 Seasonal positions available for the 2026 Season

4 Apiary Workers (NOC 85100) for March or April to end of October 2026

Wages are \$16.00 - \$19.00 per hour depending on experience. 1-2 years' experience preferred.

Operating a forklift, a valid driver's license and the ability to speak English is an asset. Duties include Handle, feed, and care for honeybee colonies, assist in the production of nucs, splits or replacement hives, Recognize and report hive health issues and apply appropriate treatments, move hives, supering hives, Collect and package honey and beeswax, Bee yard maintenance, Manufacture, assemble and maintain hive equipment, Operate and maintain other apiary related equipment, Spring and Winter preparation of hives, heavy lifting required.

Contact Irwin or Joan Harlton, Harlton Apiaries
Box 644 Souris (MB) R0K 2C0 204-483-2382
Or email: harltonapiaries@mymts.net

Thrive Honey Inc.

Strong Nucs for sale: 2026 laying queen, 3 brood frames, 5 frames of bees. The nucs would have been inspected and should be available by May 20, 2026. Pricing depends on quantities, custom order and deliveries available. For any inquiries, please contact Gabriel at nucs@thrivehoney.ca / 403 5930406

For Sale: (1) Cowan uncapper, 1- Kelly Melter and 100- 6 7/8 Dovetail Boxes. Please Contact Ken at 204-634-2508 or email: ken.h.cam@gmail.com

Looking for complete extraction line in good shape. 60 frame, but open for whatever size you have. Please contact erwiniriklassen@gmail.com

Bees and Nucs: Full frames of brood covered with bees, or 4 or 5 frame nucs (can make 3 or 4 brood and 1 empty/feed). Large quantities of Nucs, and singles available, all nucs and singles have 2025 overwintered queens. **Equipment :** I have (1) 2 1/2 inch Moyno pump, (1) 2 1/2 inch Mann Lake Moyno pump and (1) 2 1/2 inch honey gear pump, a 4000-psi hot waterpower washer and approximately 3000 and 1-gallon plastic frame feeders. Located approx. 30 minutes north of Winnipeg. Call Calvin 204-330-1714

INTERLAKE HONEY PRODUCERS LTD. in Fisher Branch, MB has the following positions:

Apiary Technician: 5 positions available for the 2027

Seasonal, full time, days, evenings and some Saturdays. Work is mostly outdoors, so must be able to work under hot conditions. The job starts April 1st – July 1st. End Date: Sept 10th – November 6th.

Wages: \$18.00-\$26.00 per hour depending on experience. Minimum 2 years experience preferred. Performance and/or production bonus may be available.

Duties include but not limited to, feed and care for honey bees, replacement of hives and production of nucs, moving hives, supering hives, detect and report hive health and apply correct disease cures and/or controls, bee yard maintenance, keep field and/or production records, harvest honey, working on extracting line, cleaning extracting equipment and honey house, raise queens, assemble and maintenance of bee equipment, drive and maintain vehicles. Operating a forklift, a valid driver's license and the ability to speak English is an asset.

Work is very physically demanding, with long days and heavy lifting. The job is located 2 hours north of Winnipeg in the RM of Fisher NE 33-23-1W in Fisher Branch, MB.

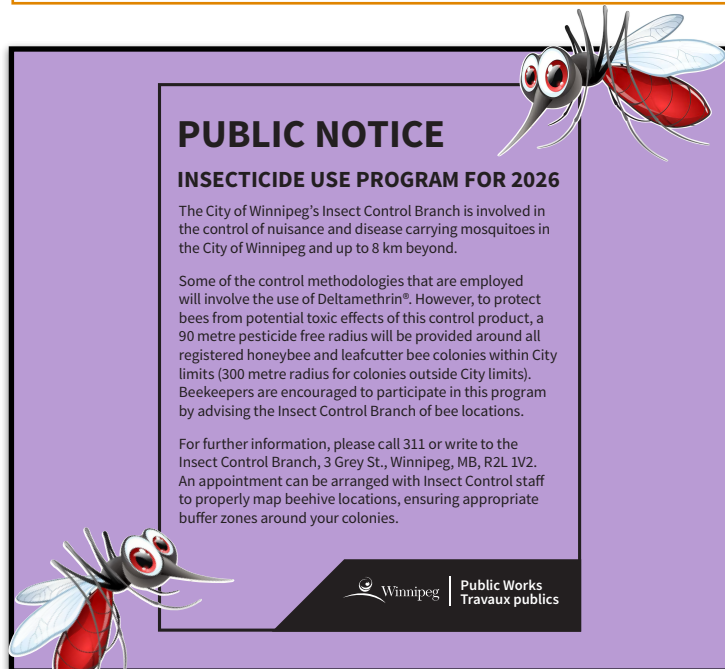
Contact Anita Gregory by email at : anita@ifsltd.ca

For Sale: 870 Masonite frame feeders: 3\$/ea 140 plastic frame feeders: \$1/ea. 600 single stack ventilation honey pallets, \$10/ea. 20 - 4pack doubles winter wraps: \$50/ea, 2 - 300 gallon cylinder honeymilk tanks on stand, with 3" threaded opening: \$4000.00 1200 brood chambers used this last season as honey supers, VGC: \$65/ea. 4 - provap 110 oxalic acid vaporizers: \$250/ea . Frames of brood/bees \$90.00/frame, 5 frame nucs \$330.00/nuc Contact Chris at 1-204-872-2398 or canbeeman@gmail.com

Classified Ads Information

Text only classified/ employment ads 50 words or less are free to MBA members and a cost of \$20 per issue for non-members . Questions regarding classified or commercial advertising please contact Dan @ 204-797-3322 or email dnlecocq@shaw.ca

For sale: 973 honey supers with drawn comb, each frame has been scratched clean including the interior of the box. Asking: \$65 / 9 frame box. Finlay commercial double-walled wax melter. Asking: \$6000.00. 17-barrel stainless steel honey holding tank. Asking: \$9,500.00. 50 L Lyson creamer, double-walled, complete with digital controller and de-crystallization function, in mint condition! Asking: \$3000.00. 4 tier SS wax basket cart/stand, Asking: \$2,800.00. Honey sump and progressive cavity honey pump, Asking: \$6000.00. 60 frame Cowan extractor in excellent condition and thoroughly cleaned, Asking \$49,000.00. for pictures or questions please contact Kevin Epp at kbepp.farm@sasktel.net or call 1-306-741-3930



PUBLIC NOTICE

INSECTICIDE USE PROGRAM FOR 2026

The City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch is involved in the control of nuisance and disease carrying mosquitoes in the City of Winnipeg and up to 8 km beyond.

Some of the control methodologies that are employed will involve the use of Deltamethrin®. However, to protect bees from potential toxic effects of this control product, a 90 metre pesticide free radius will be provided around all registered honeybee and leafcutter bee colonies within City limits (300 metre radius for colonies outside City limits). Beekeepers are encouraged to participate in this program by advising the Insect Control Branch of bee locations.

For further information, please call 311 or write to the Insect Control Branch, 3 Grey St., Winnipeg, MB, R2L 1V2. An appointment can be arranged with Insect Control staff to properly map beehive locations, ensuring appropriate buffer zones around your colonies.

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Oxalic Glycerin Strips Now Approved in Canada for Varroa treatment

Press Release – Press Release – Oxalic Glycerin Strips Now Approved in Canada for Varroa treatment – Feb 20 2026

Label: [Oxalic Label Updated 2026 – new](#)

The Canadian Honey Council is pleased to announce that it has received registration approval for an important new method of treating honey bees for varroa mites.

The new method, using glycerin and cellulose strips as a delivery method for oxalic acid dihydrate crystals, was recently approved by the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory. The CHC applied for the registration as part of its long-standing tradition of supporting Canadian beekeepers with access to effective treatments and medications.

As part of the registration No. 29575, the CHC also received renewed approval of two other methods of applying oxalic acid dihydrate; sublimation (vaporization) and liquid drizzle. The registration is valid for five years until December 31, 2031.

The new open-source method is available for immediate use, and detailed directions for application in both English and French, are contained in newly published label information.

The new and costly registration legalizes what had been an off-label use by some beekeepers, and for which PMRA had advised it would suspend potential investigation and fines while the CHC application was being considered. The CHC invested about \$70,000 in the development and registration process and was greatly assisted by the Ontario Tech Transfer Program and several researchers and beekeepers.

“This new application method will give Canadian beekeepers an important new tool in their efforts to control the varroa mite, which can also carry deadly viruses,” said Jake Berg, the Chair of the CHC Board of Directors. “The CHC, as the national organization representing beekeepers across Canada, sees this as money well spent.”

The association is continuing to work with PMRA on several other regulatory files related to oxalic dihydrate, including a technical review of the CHC's original application.

The registration of oxalic dihydrate use for combatting varroa mites follows on the CHC's registration of another important treatment, fumadil-b, (also known as Fumagilin) which is used in treating for nosema, a *microsporidian* spore that can seriously infect honey bees. The CHC licensed the use of its fumadil-b registration to Vita Bee Health Canada, which markets the formulation under its own label.

The approved label directions and information for using oxalic acid dihydrate in all three approved forms will be published on the CHC's website at <https://honeycouncil.ca/> as well as at pr-rp.hc-sc.gc.ca/1_1/view_label?p_ukid=414517267

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MANITOBA BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
2026 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
 January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

NAME: _____ COMPANY NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____

Payment Due January 1, 2026 with Deadline for membership payment – March 31, 2026

MEMBERSHIPS

1. **Associate Membership** (A Volunteer, non-voting category, for beekeepers with 49 or fewer honey bee colonies in Manitoba, or a local or out-of-province industry supporter)

\$60.00

2. **Full Membership** (A Producer who keeps 50 or more honey bee colonies in Manitoba, and who is a sole proprietor, or is the Designated Representative of a partnership, corporation, or Hutterite colony)

Base Fee		\$200.00
Levy (50 to 1500 colonies)	Colony number	@0.50 per colony
Additional Levy (1501 or more colonies)	Colony number (Total minus 1500)	@0.16 per colony
TOTAL (Base Fee plus Levy plus Additional Levy)		

3. **INSTITUTION** – A Non-Canadian individual, organization, or entity, serving as a broker or library, requesting the MBA newsletter for reference material or other use. \$100.00US

BEE RESEARCH FUNDS-DONATIONS

BARRY FINGLER MEMORIAL FUND (Manitoba Beekeepers' Association)	
CANADIAN BEE RESEARCH FUND (Canadian Honey Council)	
KNOWLEDGE RESEARCH TRANSFER PROGRAM (cash or in-kind donation, please contact Secretary)	

INSURANCE (see MBA website Bees-Protection for details) **Not available after March 31**

BEEKEEPERS LIABILITY INSURANCE (valid 5 May 2026-5 May 2027) @ \$95.00 per year	
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JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS - (THIS SERVICE AVAILABLE TO MBA MEMBERS ONLY) **Not available after March 31**

AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL - \$77.00 per year	
BEE CULTURE - \$106.00 per year	

TOTAL AMOUNT

\$ _____

I request that the above amount be deducted from my account at the Manitoba Co-operative Honey Producers Limited.

THERE IS NO "AUTOMATIC" DEDUCTION FOR PAST MEMBERS.

Applicants, please approve deduction by initialing here. _____

IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY ETRANSFER, PLEASE CONTACT TREASURER AT: nlmba@outlook.com

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. INFORMATION MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES BENEFICIAL TO MEMBERS.

APPLICATION DATE: _____ APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: _____

Manitoba Beekeepers' Association

Designated Representative Voting Form – **Complete only if you have not completed this before.**

1. Business Name of Registered Producer: _____
(Business name used on original Registration form)

2. Name of Registered Producer: _____
(Name of person completing this form)

Business Number: _____ Manitoba Agriculture Registration Number: _____

The Registered Producer of a Partnership, Corporation or Hutterite Colony must appoint one designated representative to have voting representation in the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association. The designated representative must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Manitoba.

3. Name of Designated Representative: _____.

Address: _____.

Postal Code: _____. Email: _____.

Phone #: (204) _____. FAX: (204) _____.

4. Confirmation of eligibility of person appointed above as Designated Representative:
Designated Representative's Type of Business Entity: (Please check one only)

☐ Sole Proprietor:

☐ Partnership: To be eligible, a designated representative must hold at least 10% of the assets of the partnership and be entitled to 10% of the income of that partnership.
Does the person to be designated so qualify? ☐ Yes / ☐ No

☐ Corporation:

To be eligible, a designated representative must hold at least 10% of the voting shares in the corporation. Does the person to be designated so qualify? ☐ Yes / ☐ No

☐ Hutterite Colony:

To be eligible, a designated representative must be a member of the Hutterite Colony.
Does the person to be designated so qualify? ☐ Yes / ☐ No

5. Is the person to be designated, the designated representative of any other registered producer? ☐ Yes / ☐ No
(If "yes", to be eligible, a request to rescind that designation must accompany this form).

6. Is the person to be designated also a registered producer, as no individual who is a registered producer may be appointed as the designated representative of another registered producer? (If "yes", to be eligible, a request to rescind that registration must accompany this form)

7. I hereby affirm that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Registered Producer completing this form) (Date form completed)

8. Date Designated Rep. Form received: _____

Please return this completed application together with payment to:
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