



Handy Checklist for Beekeeping Equipment:

When starting out it's always a great idea to join a beekeeping club in your area. Meet like minded folks and hear many tips and thoughts as you're learning. Check into your local bylaws and meet the criteria your area has put in place.

Please find the following checklist with suggestions on equipment and supplies that you will find you need to get started.

For the Beekeeper -

Proper protective clothing - a bee suit with a hood or veil and gloves. Wearing them consistently and properly can keep stings to a minimum.

Hive tool – Used for opening hives and lifting frames.

Bee Brush – Designed to gently move the bees out of your way without hurting them.

Smoker – Smoke your bees with cool smoke that calms them.

For the Bees –

Outer Cover – The roof on your hive to protect it from the elements

Inner Cover – Fits between your top box and the Outer Cover. Provides ventilation and insulation.

Screened Bottom Board – IPM management tool, mites drop through and can't climb back into the hive. A sliding board allows you to observe Varroa mite drop and health of the hive without having to take it apart.

Two Deep Hive Bodies – These boxes hold frames with foundation that the bees use for their brood and food stores.

Twenty Deep Frames with Foundation – Ten 9 1/8 frames with foundation per box that holds the brood and food stores.

Honey Supers – One or two Hive bodies (either deep or medium), including frames and foundation. This will hold the nectar the bees will make into honey. How many you need depends on how fast your bees establish themselves and the nectar flow in your area.

Queen Excluder – A screen that keeps the queen below your honey supers but allows the workers to pass through.

Feeder - Use a feeder to provide your bees with sugar water and supplements.

