

Prospectus for Bee Yard Stock & Equipment

Introduction. Offered for sale is the stock and equipment for a sideliner bee yard. This would make an excellent expansion resource for a hobbyist wishing to go sideliner. This is a working yard. There is product being sold as we speak, thus some pricing is dynamic. I have been beekeeping for about 20 years. I am selling because of poor health.

1. If you are **not** a beekeeper with several successful years of experience, you need to stop reading now. I am not Mr. Miyagi. I am not here to teach or argue about beekeeping. If you do not understand words or concepts used in this prospectus, you need to stop reading, ask a mentor, or watch some YouTubes.
2. IMO, late December – early January would be an excellent time to move the colonies. Quietly seal them up at night and move them during the cold early daylight. When the bees next exit the hive in their new location, they will make their orientation flight and return home without a lot of drama. And so will their new beekeeper.
3. If you are a beekeeper who thinks these prices are too high and you could do things much better: please go and troll someone else. I have not the time nor temperament to listen to you.
4. If you (and your partner[s]) do **not** have between \$5000 - \$6000, you need to stop reading now. The final sale price will be between \$5000 - \$6000, cash.
5. You will be dealing with either an end stage cancer patient or a fresh widow. Do not waste our time or goodwill with bullshit. We will not respond to anything that smells of spam, scam, or indolent window shopping.
6. For clarity, the offering is composed of five groups. **These groups will be sold together as one unit, i.e., you are buying all of it and hauling it away. I will not piece it out.** The groupings are:
 - a. Live bees and housing, price is dynamic according to what is present on day of sale. There will be no “pig in a poke,” we will look at them together.
 - b. Harvesting equipment
 - c. Honey and glassware, price is dynamic according to what is present on day of sale.
 - d. Woodenware and frames
 - e. Miscellaneous equipment and supplies
7. **Group A – Live bees and housing [dynamic pricing].** As of Thanksgiving Day, there are 13 colonies of live bees.
 - a. I stress my apiary in late summer to cull out weak colonies before the time and expense of treating and feeding for overwintering. There *could* be more winter losses, but I doubt there will be less than 10 colonies of live bees.
 - b. We have read *Romeo and Juliet* and raised teenagers; we are not precious about breeding; so consider the bees to be “*well adapted North Alabama Mutts.*”
 - c. The colonies were treated with either Apiguard or MAQS in Fall 2024 and then feed fondant & pollen patties for winter stores.

39 d. The unmarked queens will be laying as evidenced by the presence of eggs and larva. I
40 make no claim as to the age or temperament of the queens. If the colony wishes to
41 supersede their queen, I presume they know best and they will have plenty of resources
42 to do as they wish. All will be well with proper swarm management. See item 1.

43 Each colony will be valued as follows:

- 44 e. A 5 frame nucleus with
45 i. Separate or integrated wooden bottom board, used, and top cover
46 ii. At least 3 frames of bees or brood and a laying queen
47 iii. Is valued at \$200
48 f. A 10 frame deep with
49 i. Bottom board, used, integrated wooden inner cover and top cover.
50 ii. At least five frames of bees or brood, and a laying queen
51 iii. The presence of one frame feeder will count as one or two empty frames
52 according to size.
53 iv. Is valued at \$300
54 g. A 20 frame double deep or a 20 frame deep and a medium with
55 i. Bottom board, used, wooden inner cover and top cover.
56 ii. At least eight frames of bees or brood, and a laying queen
57 iii. The presence of one frame feeder will count as one or two empty frames
58 according to size.
59 iv. Is valued at \$350
60 h. An additional used deep or medium with mixed frames combined with “f” or “g” above
61 is valued at \$40 - \$50.
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63 **8. Group B Harvesting Equipment**

- 64 a. One Hillco 6/3 motorized stainless steel extractor used 2 seasons valued at \$500
65 b. One Hillco medium stainless steel uncapping tank used 1 season valued at \$400
66 c. One Mann Lake 15-gallon heated bottling keg used 3 seasons valued at \$500
67 d. Miscellaneous hand tools valued at \$100
68 e. The subtotal for Harvesting Equipment is valued at \$1500
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70 **9. Group C Honey and Glassware [dynamic pricing]**

- 71 a. Clean, packaged pint or quart jars with lids valued \$10 per dozen
72 b. Bulk and surplus raw honey valued \$40 per gallon.
73 c. Miscellaneous glass, lids, labels are free
74 d. Subtotal for surplus Honey & Glass valued at \$300
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76 **10. Group D Mixed Woodenware & Frames**

- 77 a. Used deeps with mixed drawn and empty frames
78 b. Used mediums with mixed drawn and empty frames

- 79 c. Miscellaneous new medium and deep parts, woodenware, and foundation
- 80 d. Subtotal for mixed wooden ware and frames valued at \$300

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82 **11. Group E Miscellaneous equipment and supplies**

- 83 a. Well used wax melters
- 84 b. Used hive tools
- 85 c. Used smokers (Dadant)
- 86 d. Used bee suits, jackets, and hoods
- 87 e. New waxed cardboard nucs
- 88 f. Metal queen excluders
- 89 g. Used wooden spacer rims
- 90 h. Used 30-gallon feed tank
- 91 i. Hive Butlers [well used]
- 92 j. Any stand materials you wish to remove
- 93 k. Any other “junk” I can throw in your vehicle when you’re not looking
- 94 l. Subtotal for miscellaneous Equipment & Supply valued at \$500

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96 **12. An EXAMPLE combination based on the above would look like:**

97	Group A	10 Mixed colonies	3000
98	Group B	Harvesting Equipment	1500
99	Group C	Surplus Honey & Glass	300
100	Group D	Mixed Woodenware & Frames	300
101	Group E	Misc Equipment & Supply	500
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103			\$5600

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105 Even with all the variables, averaging out bee population and woodenware, it is going to
 106 come out \$5000 -- \$6000. \$6000, cash, is the ticket to play. That is what you will need
 107 to have in hand to bring to the table.

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