

Beginning Beekeeping Equipment

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So, you are interested in becoming a beekeeper, huh? If so, then I suspect you will need the appropriate equipment BEFORE you get your bees. This involves things for both the bees and yourself. What I've included below is a breakout for the various items. You can get them from any number of suppliers. One word of caution that I would like to share though is that you compare prices. Then, when you make your first purchase, you may want to consider sticking with that particular supplier. The reason for that statement is there are minor deviations in some items that can be problematic if trying to put certain items together. For instance, at one time I purchased a veil from one supplier and a jacket from another. When I attempted to put the items together, the zippers did not align appropriately and couldn't be joined. Argh. Anyhow, you get the idea. Over time, you may find things that you prefer in one supplier over another as well. The choice is yours.

Items for the Bees

- ☐ Bottom board (solid or screened)
- ☐ Entrance reducer
- ☐ Hive bodies (mediums or deeps)
- ☐ Frames with foundation
- ☐ Inner cover
- ☐ Top/outer cover
- ☐ Feeder

Items for the Beekeeper

- ☐ Suit/jacket
- ☐ Veil
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Hive tool
- ☐ Smoker
- ☐ Smoker fuel
- ☐ Large magnet to aid with package installation

Please keep in mind that this is only the beginning. There are many other types of equipment that you may find useful such as that for extracting honey. However, those items will be discussed at a later time. The list shared here is only to get you started. There will be more to follow.