



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Hello Beekeepers!

We had a great Field Day! Great speaker, great beekeeping learning stations, great weather! If you missed it you can follow our speaker, Frederick Dunn, on his YouTube channel "The Way to Bee". And a BIG thank you to all the volunteers for making the day a success.

Next on the LCBA calendar of huge events is the Lorain County Fair, August 17th - August 24th. You will want to start prepping now for the competition. There are 45 different Open Entry Classes and lots of opportunities to 'show-off' products from your apiary. If you are thinking about selling honey at the fair, intent to sell forms will be available at the June meeting.

This Friday, June 13th, at our regular monthly meeting all are invited to bring a favorite dish for a pot-luck. Hot dogs and buns will be provided. Bring a lawn chair as we will be outside. The meeting will start with a hive opening at 6:00 PM. At 7:00 PM there will be demonstrations on mite treatments, mite checks and a roundtable of questions and answers.

This Spring weather has brought some unusual happenings in the hive so come and share the good, the bad, and the ugly

See you Friday,

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

May's Members Meeting

Donna Smith !!

Don't forget to get your tickets at every meeting!

Thank You !!

I want to thank the Car Parking crew for the Wellington Eagles Gun Raffle on May17th 2025.

Dave Borling, Tim & Kathy Beal, Ella Boitel, Rick Jirousek, Nancy Koenig, Marilyn Teeple, John Rose and 2 non beekeepers, Brian Twining and Josh Cromling.

We had a great day, we all got wet then the Sun came out and dried us off. A big Thank You to the sellers of Wellington Eagles gun raffle tickets. Wellington Eagles 2051 has made a generous donation to LCBA for the efforts of all that parked and sold tickets.

Randy Leiby and LCBA

Thanks to all that helped with World Bee Day 2025

***Steve Moysan
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***Kathy Borling
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Sheila Mauer
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***Kathleen Klem
Diann Ramirez
Katherine Cravener Holmes
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Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Field Day – Your help was greatly appreciated!

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LCBA Youth Education Program (YEP) 2025

From Derrick, YEP Student

"I wasn't sure if I would like beekeeping, but so far, I like it more than I thought I would! Bees are very interesting insects. One thing I've learned is if the queen dies, the worker bees take an ordinary bee and feed it special royal food to create a new queen. If they do not make a new queen then the entire hive dies. I also didn't know that worker bees only live about 6 weeks, but the queen can live up to 5 years. I look forward to learning even more about bees in the future."



Ryleigh Richardson— Age 11

My name is Ryleigh Richardson. I am 11 years old and a new beekeeper. In March, I took the LCBA Beekeeper for beginners class with my mom. In April, I started working on my apiary place and in May, unpacked my first package of bees. I check my bees each week to make sure everything is going alright. In between, I make sure they have fresh sugar water and a piece of a pollen patty. My goal is to teach other kids about bees. I hope to help the honey bees as much as I can. Please come visit me on June 20th at the Wellington Bee Day! My pictures are before my hive had bees in it and one of me checking my hive last week.



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May's Meeting — Tony West — Discussing the Demaree Method on Swarm Control



What Is Swarming?

Swarming is a colony's natural way of reproduction. In the process of swarming, a single colony splits into two or more distinct colonies.

What is Demaree?

THIS METHOD WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL IN 1892 BY GEORGE DEMAREE FROM KENTUCKY



Step Five

Install one capped brood frame, one pollen frame



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Memorial Garden and Hive Opening



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LCBA Sunflower Field at Lorain County Fairgrounds

Thanks to Randy Leiby and his labor of love



To Promote Beekeeping through Education, Cooperation and any other Efficient Means

Located in Lorain County, Ohio, LCBA was founded in 1919 as a non-profit organization committed to educating the public about the value of honeybees and the impact honeybees have on our world. We provide educational appearances upon request to schools and groups. LCBA encourages and mentors beginning beekeepers through scholarship programs for students along with adult education.

Monthly Meetings

When: 2nd Friday of each month, starting at 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Where: Life Church

1033 Elm Street, Grafton, OH 44044

Did you know donations to LCBA are tax deductible???

Lorain County Beekeepers Association is now a 501c(3) organization. Any donations made to LCBA are now tax deductible!!!

The BUZZZZ Advertising Fees

Members can place classified ads—maximum 4 lines (approx. 3/4 in by 3 3/4 inch) for free on a one time basis. If the same ad places for more than 1 month, a fee will be charged. There is also a fee if the ad is larger than the size listed above. Ads will run in the newsletter which is posted on the LCBA website and distributed to our member circulation and billed for 12 issues.

Rates are as follows for ads provided by customer *LCBA Officers reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to change, modify, add, or delete all or portions of ads for content. Terms and policies to change. Information posted is a courtesy to LCBA Members and/or a paid advertisement for business entities. LCBA does not endorse or guarantee quality or pricing .

1 (Full) page - \$25.00 per month/issue

1/2 page ad - \$18.00 per month/issue

1/4 page ad - \$12.00 per month/issue

1/8 page ad - \$10.00 per month/issue

Any questions regarding advertising?

Contact Lori Keleman at

BuzzzzWorthy@gmail.com



Lorain County Beekeepers Association

2025 Fair Sellers Rules and Guidelines

Rules and Guidelines for LCBA Executive Board while representing LCBA at Lorain County Fair. RULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Amended by votes of Executive & Fair Committee (1-4-2020)

The purpose of these rules is to have guidelines in place to better aid future fair committees. LCBA board must approve these changes, additions, etc. since they have the potential to affect all LCBA membership and its future.

It is your responsibility to read these rules and guidelines and familiarize yourself with them.

- Must be a LCBA member with dues paid prior to March 1 of the year in which fair will take place. Attend 4 members meetings in their entirety in the calendar year beginning January to July to sell honey at the August fair. Exceptions will be made for new beekeepers.
- A majority of the LCBA executive board must approve or disapprove all decisions, currently four is a majority.
- Executive Board is to promote a voting block to elect Lorain County Fair Directors and LCBA fair committee to better represent LCBA at the Lorain County Fair.
- All items sold must contain bee products in them, i.e., honey, wax, propolis, royal jelly.
- All products that are being sold and are awarded a premium in the premium book must be entered in the open entry classes in apiary class AND be judged.
- 20% of all sales of vendor (seller) will go to LCBA.
- **Mandatory** that **Sellers** participate in the cleaning, preparation, set up & tear down of LCBA barn at Fair Grounds. This is separate from the hours needed for sales booth. Failure to participate in set up will automatically disqualify you from selling product for the current year. Failure to participate in tear down will also disqualify you from selling product the following year.
- Applications or intent to sell products at Lorain County Fair will be circulated at the June members meeting with all forms due back at the July MANDATORY SELLERS MEETING, which will be separate from the July Members Meeting. If you turn in an intent to sell form, you are committed to working the seller's booth, regardless of having honey to sell or not.

If selling any products, wax, cosmetics, or honey products, you must commit yourself to the designated allotment of time, which averages **a total of 10-16 hours**, depending on the number of sellers. Work scheduled hours calculated by the total number of available seller's slots divided by the number of sellers with the resulting number being rounded up to the next whole number. If you cannot fulfill your time slot, you must arrange with ANOTHER SELLER to fill your complete time slot. Work schedules for sellers in the sales booth will be circulated at the July Mandatory Sellers Meeting to allow all LCBA membership to actively participate in fair activities. If open times remain on the work schedule, all remaining hours must be evenly divided by LCBA vendors no later than August LCBA meeting or the last meeting before fair.

- Inventory sheets will be circulated at the July Mandatory Sellers. A lottery draw for vendor space will be at the August fair clean up meeting. The space you draw will be your space for the entire week. The fair committee will only move you to another space in the case of flooding from the gutters. Sample bottles and lids will also be distributed at this time

- Inventory sheets must be completed and submitted with all products at set up on Saturday, August 17 **from noon to 4 pm**. The product brought in at that time and inventoried will be your final product for the week.
- In addition to your product, all sellers must bring **10 pounds of display honey for the LCBA booth**. Only exception is first year sellers. Sellers also **encouraged to bring in wax to** be displayed in the LCBA Booth.
- All honey and other products being sold will be checked for quality. The quality check list will be available at the July meeting. All decisions made by the quality check-in team will be final.
- Product will be checked periodically during the week. Any product that is deemed unsatisfactory by the executive of the day and agreed upon by the fair chair, will be marked unsatisfactory and removed from the shelf and tagged unavailable for sale for the rest of the week. The taster sample will also be pulled.
- Once inventory checked in, quantities cannot be changed.
- Additions to inventory can be added during fair week only if weight limit has been increased based upon a decision by the executive committee and Fair Chair.
- **The current maximum weight of honey (liquid, cut comb, section, creamed honey, honey in any form, etc....) per vendor is 100 pounds and is subject to change at executive board discretion.**

Color grading with pre-filled glass should be checked against Pfund scale before use each year.

- All items being sold must be labeled. Implementation of guidelines to regulate labeling of all products to conform to State and County regulations.
- All products being sold must be priced. Price must be prominently placed on top of cap or lid, or next to the label for other products such as soap, cut comb and candy.
- **Taster bottles for liquid honey will be provided by LCBA and be a standard size for all.**

A LIMIT OF FOUR TASTER BOTTLES / VARIETIES PER SELLER

Taster Bottle Labels must be the same labels, including font size, as your jars/bottles being sold. No other labels will be permitted on taster bottles. If it is not on your containers being sold, it cannot be on taster bottle.

Vendors (seller) can only have on display one taster per product. For example: One taster for clover honey, one taster for buckwheat honey, etc., and the same applies for all products being sold. If more than one taster is found to be the same honey, it will be removed from the counter.

Creamed honey sample jars are to be 12 oz size. No cut comb samples.

Honey sales booth countertop is to be used at fair committee discretion for LCBA use only. There is no selling of your own product or your sales booth partner's product except for wax, candles, jelly, lip balm, hand lotion, soap and candy while you are working your scheduled hours! If caught in violation of this rule, your product will be pulled for the remainder of the fair and you may not be allowed to sell the following year. Your product and sample bottles will be covered while you are working your scheduled hours. Each apiary will need to have their product covered the same amount of time. Two members from the same apiary can work together but it will only count as 2 hours not 4 hours so their honey is covered the same amount of time as other sellers.

THERE WILL BE NO HAWKING OR BARKING OF ANY PRODUCT AT ANY TIME, NOR THE SELLING OF PRODUCTS OUTSIDE OF THE BEE BARN, PER LORAIN COUNTY FAIR RULES.

If LCBA Rules/Guidelines are not followed, privileges CAN be suspended decision of the LCBA Executive Board.



Letter of intent to sell honey or other products at Lorain County Fair

Name _____ Date _____

Apiary Name _____

City Honey is from _____

Email _____ Cell # _____

T-shirt sizes needed for all sellers from your apiary: _____

Please check items you intend to sell:

Honey	Creamed Honey	Pollen	Cut Comb/Ross Rounds	Chunk Honey
Hand Cream	Lip Balm	Candles	Beeswax	Soap
				Jelly/Jam
				Other

List other _____

My apiary is intending to sell honey and other bee related products at the LCBA fair honey booth. I understand I must register all products I intend to sell with an entry category with the LC Fair entries for judging, which is a separate entry form with the LC Fair and a deadline of **August 5, 2025**. I must be a current LCBA member with membership paid prior to **March 1, 2025**, and have attended 4 full members meetings prior to tonight's meeting. You must show honey to sell honey or bee related products. I understand 20% of my honey and other bee related products will go to the Lorain County Beekeepers Association as a tax-deductible donation.

I must notify Bren Leiby by the **July 17, 2025** mandatory meeting if I am going to sell honey so there will be enough time to prepare, NO EXCEPTIONS. Fair information and Intent to Sell forms are available at the meetings beginning in June, on the website and in the newsletter. Once you have turned in an intent to sell form, you will be responsible for working in the honey vendor booth during fair week even if you do not have product to sell. All representatives of your apiary that will be working in the vendor booth during fair week **MUST ATTEND** the mandatory Honey Booth Vendor Rules meeting on **July 17 at 7pm** at the bee barn at the Wellington Fairgrounds to be eligible to work during fair week.

Fair Chairman, Bren Leiby, can be reached with any questions at 440-381-1145 or brenhono77@yahoo.com

My signature verifies that I have read the LCBA Fair Rules and will abide by the rules.

Signature _____ Date _____

WELLINGTON OHIO

Bee City Festival



CELEBRATING POLLINATORS



**JUNE 20, 2025
4:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Downtown Wellington
On the Square**

Join us for a buzzing good time at the Bee City Festival in the heart of Wellington! Celebrate the wonders of pollinators with an exciting day full of local vendors, educational opportunities, and fun for all ages. **FREE EVENT!**

For over 100 years, the Lorain County Beekeepers Association has been dedicated to the preservation of beekeeping and promoting the importance of pollinators. We are proud to shine a spotlight on Wellington, celebrating our history, fostering community education, and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Together, we Preserve the Past by Securing the Future of beekeeping and pollinators.

Vendor Applications Open Now! Reserve your spot early—this is a free event, and donations (raffle baskets, cash, etc.) are welcome. Contact Marilyn at (440) 759-2826.

- **Meet Local Beekeepers** and sample delicious, all-natural honey and beekeeping products.
- **Interested in beekeeping?** This is the perfect opportunity to connect with experts and learn more about becoming a beekeeper!
- Discover local gardening tips and products from **gardening experts and local farmers.**
- Explore **Wellington merchants** who will be offering special food, drinks, giveaways, and much more!

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