

Information for the Interested Beekeeper



VDACS (Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services):

Office of Plant Industries- Apiary inspections for sales and disease issues, Beehive Grant Program, and the laws and regulations of Virginia.

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- Keith Tignor, State Apiarist- (804) 786-3515 keith.tignor@vdacs.virginia.gov
- <http://vdacs.virginia.gov/plant&pest/apiary.shtml>

Office of Pesticides- Information on pesticides and investigates possible beehive pesticide poisoning

- Barbara Elliotte- (804-371-6560) Barbara.elliotte@vdacs.virginia.gov

Office of Dairy and Foods- Honey house inspections and the honey labeling laws

- Lisa Ramsey, Food Safety Regional Manager- (540) 562-3644 (office)
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Beltsville Bee Lab- sending samples of possible diseased bees

- <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=7472>
- Sam Abban- (301) 504-8821 samuel.abban@ars.usda.gov

Bee Informed- Management surveys, winter hive losses, regional statistics, and disease load monitoring

- <https://beeinformed.org/>

National Honey Board- Honey price statistics, recipes, printable brochures and graphics, and honey locator

- <http://www.honey.com/>

MAAREC- Mid-Atlantic Apiculture Research and Extension Consortium. Fact sheets and PowerPoints.

- <https://agdev.anr.udel.edu/maarec/>

Ohio State Webinars- Recordings of past webinars on bees and beekeeping as well as current webinars

- <https://u.osu.edu/beelab/courses/>

Virginia State Beekeepers Association- Local groups, Master Beekeeper Program, suppliers, and conferences

- <http://www.viriniabeekeepers.org/>

ZomBee Watch- A citizen science project tracking the honey bee parasite *Apocephalus borealis*.

- <https://www.zombeewatch.org/>

FSA (Farm Service Agency) Agent- Help you apply for ELAP assistance if there is a honey bee loss above average and there is money currently available in the program

- <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=va&agency=fsa>

Map of Forage Area- Put in your address and select different radius' to see where your bees are foraging. Bees forage up to a maximum of 5 mile radius.

- <http://obeattie.github.io/gmaps-radius/?radiusInput>