



APIARY NEWSLETTER

MIGRATORY BEEKEEPER INSPECTIONS

If you are a migratory beekeeper bringing bees back into Arkansas you will need to have your bees inspected before they return to Arkansas. This inspection certificate will need to be forwarded to our office. However, if you are sending bees to California for almond pollination the Apiary Section can inspect your bees when the bees re-enter the state if you choose not to have them inspected in California. We are making this decision based on the different

prices charged per county and the time delays associated with some inspections. Hopefully this will make the process easier for those beekeepers that choose to have their bees inspected when they return. All we ask is that you give our office plenty of notice of when your bees will be back in the state, and that the bees are kept in one to two drop yards until the inspections are completed. Hopefully with great cooperation we will be able to

provide this service in the future. Also, please advise our office if you need an Imported Fire Ant Inspection before departure. You will also need to sign a compliance agreement before you depart for California.



BEEKEEPING CLASSES

Are you new to beekeeping or feel like you could use a refresher course? Then plan to attend one of the informative 3-part short courses offered this fall.

These classes, offered by Extension honey bee specialist Jon Zawislak, are free and open to the

public. All class sessions will be from 6-9 pm.

For more information visit their website: <http://www.aragriculture.org/insects/bees/events.htm> or contact the Extension office in one of these counties:

Fayetteville-Pauline Whitaker Arena. Jan. 13, 20, 27

Ft. Smith- Huckabee Nature Center. Feb. 11, 18, 25

Conway- Faulkner County Coop Ext. Office. April 7, 14, 21

2013 NATIONAL HONEY BEE SURVEY



The 2013 NHBS has been completed. All samples have been sent to the USDA bee lab in Beltsville, MD. Results, when completed, will be sent to the beekeepers.

This year we collected 24 samples from around the state including 10 pollen samples. These survey results will show what pests and diseases we have and do not have in the US.

This was the third year that Arkansas participated in the survey. It will probably be the final year- USDA will now select 15 states to survey in 2014.

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