

Recommended Equipment for the Beginning Beekeeper in the First Year

Two Complete Two-Story Hives

Screened Bottom boards with entrance reducers (2)
Hive bodies (6), full depth, 9 1/2" (2 extra hive bodies for syrup feeder)
Frames (40), full depth, grooved, 9 1/8"
Foundation (40), full depth with a plastic core, unless using frames with built-in foundation
Hive Stands (2)
Telescoping Outer covers (2)
Inner covers (2)

Honey Supers

Supers (4), medium depth, 6 1/2"
Frames, (40), medium depth, grooved, 6 1/4"
Foundation (40), medium depth with a plastic core, unless using frames with built-in foundation

❖ In the first year you may not need honey supers.

Nails and Glue

7D Super Nails (2 pounds)
4D Rabbit Nails for Supers (1 pound)
1 1/4" Frame Nails (1 pound)
Titebond II Glue

Bees

Two 3 lb. package of bees with queen or two 5 frame nucleus colony purchased locally

Necessary Equipment

Hive tool, 10"
Smoker, 4" diameter or larger (the bigger the better)
Veil and helmet, or a veil built into coverall or a jacket
Coveralls, unless purchased with the veil
Sugar Syrup Feeders (2)
Gloves, rubber dish glove from the department store may be sufficient
Apiguard Mite Treatment (Thymol based treatment) available at WWW.Dadant.com

Not sure how to use all of this equipment? This is how you start:

- Take a beginners beekeeping course
- Find a local mentor to help you learn the craft
- Join the nearest beekeepers association
- Register your hives with the State Department of Agriculture