

2010 First Year Costs for the Beginning Beekeeper with Two Hives Using Recommended Equipment

Line #	Qty	\$/ea	\$ Total	Description
<u>Two Complete Two-Story Hives</u>				
1	2	\$ 13.95	\$ 27.90	IPM Screened Bottom Board
2	2	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.70	Entrance Reducer
3	6	\$ 13.50	\$ 81.00	Hive bodies, 10-frame, full depth, 9 1/2" (Note 1)
4	40	\$ 0.89	\$ 35.60	Frames, full depth, 9 1/8"
5	40	\$ 1.00	\$ 40.00	Black Foundation, full depth (8-3/8") with a plastic core (Note 2)
6	2	\$ 8.15	\$ 16.30	Inner cover
7	2	\$ 17.45	\$ 34.90	Outer cover, telescoping
<u>Honey Supers (In the long run you will want at least two or three supers per colony)</u>				
8	4	\$ 9.99	\$ 39.96	Super, medium depth, 6 1/2"
9	40	\$ 0.89	\$ 35.60	Frames, medium depth, 6 1/4"
10	40	\$ 0.84	\$ 33.60	White Foundation, medium depth (5-1/2") with a plastic core (Note 2)
<u>Nails and Glue for Supers and Frames</u>				
10	2	\$ 2.55	\$ 5.10	7D Super Nails (44 needed per hive body, 32 per medium depth super, 150 nails/lb)
11	1	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.75	4D Rabbit Nails for Supers (4 per super, 425/lb)
12	1	\$ 2.85	\$ 2.85	1 1/4" Frame Nails (10 per frame, 1150/lb)
13	1	\$ 5.95	\$ 5.95	Titebond II Glue
<u>Necessary Equipment</u>				
14	2	\$ 5.20	\$ 10.40	Pail Sugar Syrup Feeder (note an additional deep super is needed for a pail feeder)
15	1	\$ 5.85	\$ 5.85	Hive tool, 10"
16	1	\$ 33.95	\$ 33.95	Pro Smoker, 4" diameter, 10" tall
17	1	\$ 45.95	\$ 45.95	Clear Vue Hat and Veil with Zip (Note 3)
18	1	\$ 79.00	\$ 79.00	Coveralls for zipper veil (Note 3), several sizes offered
19	1	\$ 8.95	\$ 8.95	First Lessons in Beekeeping by Keith Delaplane
20	1	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.50	Gloves, select size, rubber dish glove from the department store may be sufficient
21	1	\$ 35.95	\$ 35.95	Api Life Var (Thymol based treatment) - sold by ten pack
<u>Optional Equipment</u>				
22	2	\$ 10.95	\$ 21.90	Hive Stand
<u>Bees</u>				
23	2	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	3 lb. package of bees with queen (purchase locally or mail order)
24	0	\$ 90.00	-	5 frame nuc (purchase locally)
			\$ 100.00	Shipping (Note 4)

Total **\$ 864.66**

Notes

- (1) 1 extra full depth body needed for each Pail Feeder, part # 664
- (2) unless using plastic frames with built-in foundation
- (3) A full suit is expensive, a hat less veil for \$16.95 (Catalog # 715, page 27) may be sufficient with a long sleeve shirt and heavy pants
- (4) Shipping and can run as much as \$100 and liability insurance ranges between \$300 to \$500.