

Ashe County Beekeepers Association Beekeeping Resources - 2017

The local resources listed are the ones we know about, and we've likely missed one or more! If you would like to be listed as a resource or share another one, please contact Helen Baldwin (jeffreyb@skybest.com). These are also available in print. If you find a goof, please let me know!

Apiary Inspectors (www.ncbeekeepers.org/resources/apiary-inspection-program)

Greg Fariss - gregory.fariss@ncagr.gov / 336-671-2883. Territory include Ashe, Alleghany, & Wilkes counties.

Lewis Cauble - lewis.cauble@ncagr.gov / 828-230-4544. Territory includes Watauga and Caldwell counties.

Ashe County Co-Op Extension - Micah Orfield, Agent (agriculture) - micah_orfield@ncsu.edu / 336-846-5850

Bee/Swarm Removal:

Kevin Foster - Wilkesboro, NC

(Gypsy's Ridge Honey Farm LLC - <http://www.facebook.com/KevinBrandieFoster>)

336-452-0633 / kfoster2536@charter.net

Will travel to Ashe, Watauga, and Alleghany. Does not do construction. Bees removed will be boxed and taken to his apiary.

Tony Gray - Boone, NC

828-264-9123 / grayai@bellsouth.net

Works primarily in the Boone area but will consider removing bees in Ashe, Wilkes, and Alleghany after consultation with the party wanting the bees removed - i.e., making sure the 'bees' are actually honey bees and not yellow jackets and that the removal is within his capacity. Removals are done from structures with the expectation of his keeping the bees and not charging for the service. If the party wants to keep the bees, there will likely be a fee to cover time and expense.

Scott Howell - Hickory/Taylorsville

828-310-4805

Will travel to Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, and Wilkes. Can remove bees from structure and do construction repair. Usually unable to determine fee until he gets into the job.

Additional listings for bee/swarm removals - <http://beeremovalsource.com/bee-removal-list/north-carolina>

Beekeeper Groups:

Alleghany County Beekeepers / www.facebook.com/groups/227271690730610

2nd Tuesday (March thru November) - 7pm at WCC/Alleghany campus - conference room
(115 Atwood St., Sparta, NC)

Ashe County Beekeepers Association / www.ashebeekeepers.org

2nd Thursday (March thru November) - 7pm at Ashe County Extension Office

Beekeepers of Wilkes / www.beekeepersofwilkes.org

2nd Monday (all year) - 7pm at Wilkes Agriculture Building (Executive Drive in Wilkesboro, NC)

Watauga Beekeepers / wataugabeekeepers.org

1st Tuesday (March thru November) - 7pm at Watauga County Cooperative Extension Office
(971 W. King St., Boone, NC)

Nucs (the more local the bees, the better!):

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm
610 Bethany Church Rd.
Moravian Falls, NC 28654
336-921-3640 / orders - 800-BEESWAX (800-233-7929)
www.brushymountainbeefarm.com

Hidden Happiness Bee Farm
Chestnut Mountain Rd.
Deep Gap, NC 28618
336-957-0275 / moldings56@yahoo.com
hiddenhappinessbeefarms.com

The Honey Hole / Shelley Felder, owner
6 N. Third Avenue
West Jefferson, NC 28694
336-846-BEES (336-846-2337) / shelley@the-honey-hole.com
www.the-honey-hole.com

Moccasin Creek Honey Farm / Larry Cox
1506 Old Quarry Rd.
Sparta, NC 28675
336-467-4340
Facebook - www.facebook.com/Moccasin-Creek-Honey-Farm-1823612631241017

Miller Bee Supply
496 Yellow Banks Road
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
336-670-2249 / woodnwax@embarqmail.com
www.millerbeesupply.com

7 Stands Bee Farm/Jim and Jamie Miles
Wilkes County/Traphill
VSH (Varroa-Sensitive Hygienics) - nucs and queens
704-775-3001 / 7standsbeefarm@gmail.com
www.7standsbeefarm.com

Queens/Queen Cells

Tony Bengé - 336-874-2260 (home) / 336-406-5648

FL Queens - 561-315-4193 (recommended by Jim Miles if no local queens are available)

The Honey Hole / Shelley Felder, owner
6 N. Third Avenue
West Jefferson, NC 28694
336-846-BEES (336-846-2337) / shelley@the-honey-hole.com
www.the-honey-hole.com

Moccasin Creek Honey Farm / Larry Cox
1506 Old Quarry Rd. * Sparta, NC 28675
336-467-4340
Facebook - www.facebook.com/Moccasin-Creek-Honey-Farm-1823612631241017

Bob Rowe - 336-838-7812

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www.7standsbeefarm.com

Woodenware / Miscellaneous Supplies (LOCAL):

Randy Baldwin (woodenware assembly, extraction, and more)
(Jefferson)
Home - 336-982-8289 / Cell - 336-977-9167 / beesandhoney15@gmail.com or jeffreyb@skybest.com
ashehoney.com

Beech Mountain Bee Supply (woodenware, supplies, package bees)
2775 Beech Mtn. Rd.
Elk Park, NC 28622
828-733-4525 (local) / 877-733-4525 (toll-free) / info@beechmountainbeesupply.com
beechmountainbeesupply.com

Bee-Ware Woodworks (woodenware assembly and more)
(Watauga County)
Ed Yates - 828-773-4214 / beewarewoodworks@yahoo.com

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm
610 Bethany Church Rd.
Moravian Falls, NC 28654
336-921-3640 / orders - 800-BEESWAX (800-233-7929)
www.brushymountainbeefarm.com

Woodenware / Miscellaneous Supplies (LOCAL) - continued:

Hidden Happiness Bee Farm
Chestnut Mountain Rd.
Deep Gap, NC 28618
336-957-0275 / moldings56@yahoo.com
hiddenhappinessbeefarms.com
NOTE: Hidden Happiness is now a Dadant* distributor (*<https://www.dadant.com>).

HiveTracks (record-keeping)
James Wilkes
hivetracks.com

The Honey Hole/Shelley Felder, owner (woodenware, supplies, extraction, gifts)
6 N. Third Avenue
West Jefferson, NC 28694
336-846-BEES (846-2337) / shelley@the-honey-hole.com
www.the-honey-hole.com

Joy Lewis - Joy Bee Sweet* (her version of Honey B Healthy), pollen patties*
(*Joy may have some on hand, but please contact her before you need them in case she doesn't).
336-982-2014 / jsljj@skybest.com

LuRay Textiles, Inc. (smoker-fuel fabric rag bags; works great!)
300 LuRay Road
N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659
336-670-3725
www.luraytextiles.com

Miller Bee Supply (woodenware, supplies)
496 Yellow Banks Road
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
336-670-2249 / woodnwax@embarqmail.com
www.millerbeesupply.com

Parsons Farms (can order beekeeping supplies; have wildflower mixes and some bee probiotics)
1 State Street/Back Street
West Jefferson, NC 28694
336-246-4359

Southern States (misc woodenware, supplies)
112 Sunnyside Park
Jefferson, NC 28640
336-246-3201

Weaver's Nursery/Bill Weaver, owner
424 BC Hunter Road
Warrensville, NC 28693
Home - 336-384-1113 / Cell - 336-977-7464 / b43weaver2002@yahoo.com
weaversnursery.net

West Jefferson Hardware (some woodenware, supplies)
104 Main Street
West Jefferson, NC 28694
336-246-3421
ww3.truevalue.com/wjhardware/Home.aspx

Woodenware / Miscellaneous Supplies / Information / Forums (ONLINE):

Facebook (there is no end to the pages related to beekeeping!):

Alleghany County Beekeepers (FB) / www.facebook.com/groups/227271690730610

Ashe County Beekeepers Association - www.ashebeekeepers.org

Bee Culture Magazine - www.facebook.com/BeeCultureMagazine

Beekeepers of Wilkes - www.beekeepersofwilkes.org

Beekeeping for Beginners - www.facebook.com/howtostartbeekeeping

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm - www.facebook.com/brushymtnbeefarm

Facts About Bees - www.facebook.com/Facts-about-Bees-510820209069949

Hive Tracks - www.facebook.com/HiveTracks

Honey Bee Suite - www.facebook.com/honeybeesuite

Just Bee Apiary - www.facebook.com/justbeenc

Miller Compound Honeybees and Agriculture -
www.facebook.com/pages/Miller-Compound-HoneyBees-and-Agriculture/256954971040510

Spikenard Farm Honeybee Sanctuary -
www.facebook.com/pages/Spikenard-Farm-Honeybee-Sanctuary/1599962640251920

Spikenard Honeybee Sanctuary - www.facebook.com/SpikenardHoneybees

Watauga Beekeepers - www.facebook.com/groups/173968829310745

Whispers from the Bee - <https://www.facebook.com/thesacredbee>

Web Sites:

American Beekeeping Federation - www.abfnet.org

Bee Girl - www.beegirl.org

Bee Informed Partnership - beeinformed.org

Beesource Beekeeping - www.beesource.com

Beekeepers of Wilkes - www.beekeepersofwilkes.org

Beverly Bees - www.beverlybees.com

Bush Farms (Michael Bush) - www.bushfarms.com/bees.htm

Dadant - www.dadant.com

Honey Bee Suite - www.honeybeesuite.com

Mann Lake - www.mannlakeltd.com

North Carolina State Beekeepers Association/NCSBA - www.ncbeekeepers.org

Perfect Bee - www.perfectbee.com/learn-about-bees/learning-beekeeping-intro

ScientificBeekeeping.com - scientificbeekeeping.com

Spikenard Farm Honeybee Sanctuary - spikenardfarm.org

The Good of the Hive - www.thegoodofthehive.com/about

Watauga Beekeepers - wataugabeekeepers.org

youtube.com - LOTS of videos on all aspects of beekeeping; just enter in whatever topic you'd like!

Warning: Once you start, it's hard to stop!

Zarbee's Naturals (vitamins, immune support, throat relief products for all ages - made with honey) -

www.zarbees.com/our-story