

Ashe County Beekeepers Association  
Beekeeping Resources - 2019

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](mailto:jeffreyb@skybest.com)). If you find a goof, please let me know!

**Apiary Inspectors** ([www.ncbeekeepers.org/resources/apiary-inspection-program](http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/resources/apiary-inspection-program)):

Greg Fariss - [gregory.fariss@ncagr.gov](mailto:gregory.fariss@ncagr.gov) / 336-671-2883. Territory includes Ashe, Alleghany, & Wilkes counties

Lewis Cauble - [lewis.cauble@ncagr.gov](mailto:lewis.cauble@ncagr.gov) / 828-230-4544. Territory includes Watauga and Caldwell counties

**Ashe County Co-Op Extension** - Micah Orfield, Agent (agriculture) - [micahorfield@ashecountygov.com](mailto:micahorfield@ashecountygov.com) / 336-846-5850. Jefferson, NC (behind Bojangles')

**North Carolina State Beekeepers Association (NCSBA)** / [www.ncbeekeepers.org](http://www.ncbeekeepers.org)

Doug Galloway, Regional Director - [DMG623@hotmail.com](mailto:DMG623@hotmail.com)

**Bee/Swarm Removal:**

Kevin Foster - Wilkesboro, NC - 336-452-0633 / [kfoster2536@charter.net](mailto:kfoster2536@charter.net)

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

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](mailto: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. 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 (extra charge for distance). 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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/227271690730610)

2nd Thursday (March thru November) - 7pm at WCC/Alleghany campus - conference room

Ashe County Beekeepers Association / [www.ashebeekeepers.org](http://www.ashebeekeepers.org)

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

Beekeepers of Wilkes / [www.beekeepersofwilkes.org](http://www.beekeepersofwilkes.org)

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

Watauga Beekeepers / [wataugabeekeepers.org](http://wataugabeekeepers.org)

1st Tuesday (March thru November) - 7pm at Agricultural Extension Center (downstairs meeting room)

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

Hidden Happiness Bee Farm (package bees and/or nucs)

Deep Gap, NC \* 336-957-0275 / [moldings56@yahoo.com](mailto:moldings56@yahoo.com)  
[hiddenhappinessbeefarms.com](http://hiddenhappinessbeefarms.com)

**Miller Bee Supply**

496 Yellow Banks Road \* North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 \* 336-670-2249 / 888-848-5184  
[woodnwax@embarqmail.com](mailto:woodnwax@embarqmail.com) / [www.millerbeesupply.com](http://www.millerbeesupply.com)

**Moccasin Creek Honey Farm / Larry Cox**

VSH (Varroa-Sensitive Hygienics) - nucs and queens  
Sparta, NC \* 336-467-4340  
[www.facebook.com/Moccasin-Creek-Honey-Farm-1823612631241017](https://www.facebook.com/Moccasin-Creek-Honey-Farm-1823612631241017)

**7 Stands Bee Farm / Jim and Jamie Miles**

VSH (Varroa-Sensitive Hygienics) - nucs and queens  
Traphill, NC (Wilkes County) \* 336-957-3454 / [7standsbeefarm@gmail.com](mailto:7standsbeefarm@gmail.com)  
[www.7standsbeefarm.com](http://www.7standsbeefarm.com)

**Sullivan Wilkes**

Creston, NC, and Wilkes County, NC  
828-434-0066 / [sulli.wilkes@gmail.com](mailto:sulli.wilkes@gmail.com)  
[faithmtnfarm.com/shop/bees/2019-5-frame-nuc](http://faithmtnfarm.com/shop/bees/2019-5-frame-nuc)

**Queens/Queen Cells:**

Tony Bengé - 336-874-2260

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

**Moccasin Creek Honey Farm / Larry Cox**

VSH (Varroa-Sensitive Hygienics) - nucs and queens  
Sparta, NC 28675 \* 336-467-4340  
FB - [www.facebook.com/Moccasin-Creek-Honey-Farm-1823612631241017](https://www.facebook.com/Moccasin-Creek-Honey-Farm-1823612631241017)

Bob Rowe - 336-838-7812

**7 Stands Bee Farm / Jim and Jamie Miles**

VSH (Varroa-Sensitive Hygienics) - nucs and queens  
Wilkes County/Traphill \* 704-775-3001  
[7standsbeefarm@gmail.com](mailto:7standsbeefarm@gmail.com) / [www.7standsbeefarm.com](http://www.7standsbeefarm.com)

**Woodenware (LOCAL):**

Hidden Happiness Bee Farm Store (now a Dadant distributor - [www.dadant.com](http://www.dadant.com))  
Deep Gap, NC \* 336-957-0275 / [moldings56@yahoo.com](mailto:moldings56@yahoo.com)  
[hiddenhappinessbeefarms.com](http://hiddenhappinessbeefarms.com)

Honey B's / Randy Baldwin (woodenware assembly, extraction, and more)

Jefferson, NC \* 336-982-8289 / 336-977-9167 / [beesandhoney15@gmail.com](mailto:beesandhoney15@gmail.com) or [jeffreyb@skybest.com](mailto:jeffreyb@skybest.com)  
[ashehoney.com](http://ashehoney.com)

### **Miscellaneous Supplies/Services (LOCAL):**

HiveTracks (record-keeping) / James Wilkes

[hivetracks.com](http://hivetracks.com)

Honey B's / Randy Baldwin (extraction)

Jefferson, NC \* 336-982-8289 / 336-977-9167 / [beesandhoney15@gmail.com](mailto:beesandhoney15@gmail.com) or [jeffreyb@skybest.com](mailto:jeffreyb@skybest.com)  
[ashehoney.com](http://ashehoney.com)

The Honey Hole / Shelley Felder, owner (honey, gift shop)

6 N. Third Avenue \* West Jefferson, NC 28694 \* 336-846-BEES (336-846-2337)  
[shelley@the-honey-hole.com](mailto:shelley@the-honey-hole.com) / [www.the-honey-hole.com](http://www.the-honey-hole.com)

LuRay Textiles, Inc. (smoker-fuel fabric rag bags; works great!)

300 LuRay Road \* Wilkesboro, NC 28659 \* 336-670-3725  
[www.luraytextiles.com](http://www.luraytextiles.com)

Miller Bee Supply (woodenware, supplies)

496 Yellow Banks Road \* North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 \* 336-670-2249 / 888-848-5184  
[woodnwax@embarqmail.com](mailto:woodnwax@embarqmail.com) / [www.millerbeesupply.com](http://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 supplies)

112 Sunnyside Park \* Jefferson, NC 28640 \* 336-246-3201

Tractor Supply (misc; some items may only be available online -

[www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/search/beekeeping](http://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/search/beekeeping))

630 S. Main St. \* Jefferson, NC 28640 \* 336-219-0246

Weaver's Nursery / Bill Weaver, owner

Warrensville, NC \* Home - 336-384-1113 / Cell - 336-977-7464

[b43weaver2002@yahoo.com](mailto:b43weaver2002@yahoo.com) / [weaversnursery.net](http://weaversnursery.net)

Bee-friendly plants - <http://www.weaversnursery.net/river-bank-restoration-and-honey-bee-nectar>

West Jefferson Hardware (misc supplies)

104 Main Street \* West Jefferson, NC 28694 \* 336-246-3421

### **ONLINE Information / Forums / Misc Supplies:**

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

Alleghany County Beekeepers / [www.facebook.com/groups/227271690730610](http://www.facebook.com/groups/227271690730610)

Ashe County Beekeepers Association - [www.facebook.com/ashecountybeekeepersassociation](http://www.facebook.com/ashecountybeekeepersassociation)

Aunt Patty's Recipe Blog - [glorybee.com/blog/category/aunt-pattys-recipe-blog](http://glorybee.com/blog/category/aunt-pattys-recipe-blog)

Bee Aware\* - [www.facebook.com/bee.aware.31](http://www.facebook.com/bee.aware.31)

(\*Watauga homeschool group who designed the full NC 'Save the Honey Bee' license plate!)

Bee Culture Magazine - [www.facebook.com/BeeCultureMagazine](http://www.facebook.com/BeeCultureMagazine)

Beekeepers of Wilkes - [www.facebook.com/beeksofwilkes](http://www.facebook.com/beeksofwilkes)

Beekeeping for Beginners - [www.facebook.com/howtostartbeekeeping](http://www.facebook.com/howtostartbeekeeping)

Black Sheep Apiaries - [www.facebook.com/BlackSheepApiaries/?tn-str=k\\*F](http://www.facebook.com/BlackSheepApiaries/?tn-str=k*F)

Eczema Honey Co. - [www.facebook.com/groups/eczemahoneycommunity](http://www.facebook.com/groups/eczemahoneycommunity)

Facts About Bees - [www.facebook.com/Facts-about-Bees-510820209069949](http://www.facebook.com/Facts-about-Bees-510820209069949)

Herbalists Without Borders - Blue Ridge -

[www.facebook.com/Herbalists-without-Borders-Blue-Ridge-786099408437131](http://www.facebook.com/Herbalists-without-Borders-Blue-Ridge-786099408437131)

Hive Tracks - [www.facebook.com/HiveTracks](http://www.facebook.com/HiveTracks)

Honey Bee Suite - [www.facebook.com/honeybeesuite](http://www.facebook.com/honeybeesuite)

Honey Bees - [www.facebook.com/honeybees.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/honeybees.ca/)

Just Bee Apiary - [www.facebook.com/justbeenc](http://www.facebook.com/justbeenc)

Miller Compound Honeybees and Agriculture -

[www.facebook.com/pages/Miller-Compound-HoneyBees-and-Agriculture/256954971040510](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Miller-Compound-HoneyBees-and-Agriculture/256954971040510)

NC Bee Education & Training, Inc. - [www.facebook.com/NC-Bee-Education-Training-Inc-120266695319010](http://www.facebook.com/NC-Bee-Education-Training-Inc-120266695319010)

Pollinator Friendly Landscaping - [www.facebook.com/pollinatorfriendlylandscaping](http://www.facebook.com/pollinatorfriendlylandscaping)

(The) Pollinator Partnership - [www.facebook.com/ThePollinatorPartnership](http://www.facebook.com/ThePollinatorPartnership)

Spikenard Honeybee Sanctuary - [www.facebook.com/SpikenardHoneybees](http://www.facebook.com/SpikenardHoneybees)

Watauga Beekeepers - [www.facebook.com/groups/173968829310745](http://www.facebook.com/groups/173968829310745)

Whispers from the Bee - [www.facebook.com/thesacredbee](http://www.facebook.com/thesacredbee)

#### **Web Sites:**

American Beekeeping Federation - [www.abfnet.org](http://www.abfnet.org)

Bee Culture Magazine - [www.beeculture.com](http://www.beeculture.com)

Bee Girl - [www.beegirl.org](http://www.beegirl.org)

Bee Informed Partnership - [beeinformed.org](http://beeinformed.org)

Beesource Beekeeping - [www.beesource.com](http://www.beesource.com)

Bush Farms (Michael Bush) - [www.bushfarms.com/bees.htm](http://www.bushfarms.com/bees.htm)

Dadant - [www.dadant.com](http://www.dadant.com)

Eczema Honey Co. - [eczemahoneyco.com](http://eczemahoneyco.com)

Honey Bee Suite - [www.honeybeesuite.com](http://www.honeybeesuite.com)

Mann Lake - [www.mannlakeltd.com](http://www.mannlakeltd.com)

Organic Seed Alliance - [seedalliance.org](http://seedalliance.org)

Perfect Bee - [www.perfectbee.com/learn-about-bees/learning-beekeeping-intro](http://www.perfectbee.com/learn-about-bees/learning-beekeeping-intro)

ScientificBeekeeping.com - [scientificbeekeeping.com](http://scientificbeekeeping.com)

Spikenard Farm Honeybee Sanctuary - [spikenardfarm.org](http://spikenardfarm.org)

The Good of the Hive - [www.thegoodofthehive.com/about](http://www.thegoodofthehive.com/about)

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

[www.zarbees.com/our-story](http://www.zarbees.com/our-story)

Don't forget to check **youtube.com** for myriad 'bee/beekeeping' videos - once you start, it's hard to stop!