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Next Meeting:

Sunday, 26 April 2026
Sisters of St Joseph
Building 4
1-3 pm!

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Master Beekeepers are certified beekeepers who have a detailed knowledge of honeybee biology, expertise in the proper practices of beekeeping, and can present this information to the beekeeping and non-beekeeping public in a detailed, accurate, clear and authoritative manner.

Master Beekeepers provide education and assistance to beginning beekeepers and serve in other capacities in the community as experts in beekeeping. The Master Beekeeper program was developed by Dr. Roger A. Morse at Cornell University. The program has been expanded by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to other areas.

You can learn more about the Master Beekeeper Program by visiting the Eastern Apicultural Society website: <http://www.easternapiculture.org/master-beekeepers/certification.htm>



Dear Beekeepers,

It's April already, and it's so good to start seeing flowers out that our dear bees can work. Enjoy these nice days of early Spring and sweet bees! 🐝 🐝 🐝



Speaker of the Month:

Randall Class is our speaker for April's meeting.

TALK DESCRIPTION:

The New York State Beekeeper Tech Team works directly with beekeepers to improve bee health, reduce colony losses, and increase the profitability of beekeeping in the state. Additionally, the Tech Team inspects and collects samples from participant hives, conducts beekeeper surveys, and monitors trends in New York beekeeping every year. Join us to learn about the Tech Team and explore the data collected through the program over the past 10 years.



SPEAKER BIO:

Randall joined Cornell University as a honey bee extension associate in the spring of 2025. He manages the NYS Beekeeper Tech Team, supports honey bee research,

and is an extension resource for beekeepers throughout the state. Previously, he served as a bee extension specialist at Iowa State University for over seven years. Randall holds a Master of Science from the *University of California, Davis*.

Teaching Apiary News

The Teaching Apiary schedule is set for 2026. Weather could necessitate changes, of course. A reminder of the schedule will come out approximately once a month and will include the instructor's email addresses and any specific topic or activity they intend to cover. Attendees are requested to email the instructor of their intent to attend, providing a cell phone number. This allows the instructor to notify attendees of last minute changes due to weather or other events. All attendees are required to wear a veil. Long sleeves, long pants, socks and closed shoes are highly recommended.

There are a few veils on site for real newbees who don't own one. The schedule is as follows:

April 25th - Grace Mehl
May 9th - John Most
May 23rd - Rich Blohm
June 6th - Dawn Schmitz
June 20th - Roy Baillard
July 11th - Kevin Raffloer
July 25th - MaryEllen Cuiffo
August 8th - Marianne Sangesland
August 22nd - TBD
September 5th Joan Mahoney
September 19th - Walter Scott
October 3rd - Kathy Luberto
October 17th - Grace Mehl

Upcoming events:

BETTER BEE : Free! Upcoming “Seasons of Beekeeping” Webinars



- To help beekeepers prepare for the upcoming season's needs, our Education team will be hosting live streams throughout the year to cover what you need to know or prepare. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to ask our team questions!

Join us for the upcoming dates
from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET:

- Summer: Tues, April 28th
- Fall: Thurs, August 20th
- Winter: Tues, October 13th

[Link to register](#)

NEW YORK BEE CLUB

Hello All,

We are beginning to promote our first virtual meeting of the year. We will have Randall Cass present on IPM for beekeeping. I'm told this will not overlap (much) with his presentation for the LIBC meeting the following Sunday. Anyway, you can copy/paste the following into an email to all LIBC members who would like to attend virtually.

You're invited to the New York Bee Club Spring Cluster, our city-wide virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at 7pm. This session will feature a presentation by Randall Cass from Cornell Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Studies.

To register, please use the link below and select the "LIBC Member" ticket. When prompted for a registration code, enter "LIBC".

<https://nybeeclub.wildapricot.org/event-6609113>

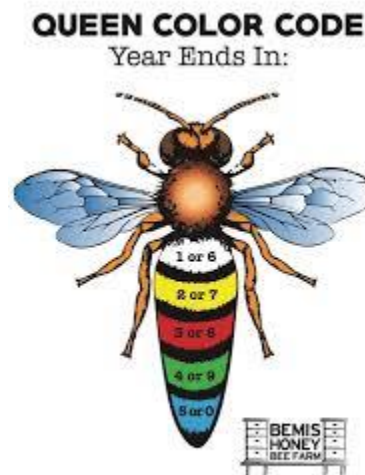
The Zoom link will be sent to all registered attendees by email the day before and again on the day of the event.

We're glad to be able to offer these joint virtual events at no cost and plan to continue doing so. If you find value in them, we encourage you to support the work of the NYBC by becoming a member or making a donation. Your support helps us bring in speakers, run events, and continue building a stronger beekeeping community across NYC and Long Island.

Nick Hoefly

Executive Director

[New York Bee Club](#)



2026 is WHITE

HONEY BEE HEALTH PROGRAM NEWS:

Dear Beekeepers,

We are excited to share that the much-anticipated beekeeper registration page is live! This webpage should facilitate an easy, secure registration process for both new and experienced beekeepers. There is no charge for registration, and it is required on an annual basis pursuant to Article 15 of the Agriculture and Markets Law. The beekeeper registration helps the Department to document the health of the state's managed honey bee population and keep beekeepers informed of honey bee health issues in New York State. Nuc and queen sellers must indicate their intent to sell, and interstate shipments of queens, packages, used comb, and used beekeeping equipment must also be declared through the beekeeper registration. This assists us with scheduling the inspections that are required or associated with these activities.

Some added features of the new site include:

- Reminder emails to renew your registration annually
- Automated beekeeper emails to confirm registration
- A beekeeper dashboard to maintain yard data and profile information

If you already have an NY.Gov account, click the "Register as a Beekeeper" button on our [Honey Bee Health](#) page to log into the beekeeper site with your NY.Gov credentials. If you are new to NY.Gov, you will need to:

1. "Create an Account" with [NY.Gov](#).
2. Return to this [Honey Bee Health](#) page and click the "Register as a Beekeeper" button to log in to the beekeeper site with your NY.Gov credentials. (This two-step process should be temporary until our website is listed with NY.Gov.)

For help creating or logging into your NY.Gov account, please reach out to the ITS Service Desk: 844-891-1786.

If you wish to send in a paper application, are having difficulty using the registration application, or if you are no longer keeping bees in New York, please reach out to us at apiary@agriculture.ny.gov. Thank you in advance for your participation in this

important initiative that will help safeguard our honey bee population in New York State!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch and Learn Zoom Series

Join the Apiary Inspectors and Extension Faculty from the Northeast to "Lunch and Learn" virtually via Zoom Webinars on **Fridays from 12:00pm-1:30pm**. Attendees will get the opportunity to meet the dynamic group of Apiary Inspectors and Extension Faculty who support apiculture in our region as well as ask questions related to honey beekeeping and get advice from the experts in the field. These events are designed to support the beekeeper journey of ensuring the health, seasonal management and treatment of honey bee colonies. Attached is a flier with more information. The events are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

Cornell Master Beekeeper Graduate Spotlight Webinar

Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM

The Cornell University Master Beekeeper Program is an advanced training program for beekeepers who have at least 3 years of beekeeping experience. This webinar will showcase presentations from graduates from the Master Beekeeper program. It's free and open to the public! Attached is a flier with more information.

[Register Here](#)

SURVEYS

2025-2026 US Beekeeping Survey

The 2025-2026 US Beekeeping Survey opens April 1. Data obtained from this survey is used by a diversity of stakeholders, ranging from national beekeeping organizations that request for federal and state support of the industry, to scientists at our country's land-grant universities that design research plans to address major industry issues.

[Complete the Survey](#)

[NY Bee Wellness Spring 2026 Survey is now open!](#)

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NY Bee Wellness Inc. is an independent grassroots educational non-profit 501c3 organization. The organization addresses the needs of beginning and small-scale beekeepers. Information from this survey is gathered is from beekeepers and may help to determine trends in honeybee health. If this is your first year with bees or do not have bees, you do not need to the survey, but please look over the survey to consider various management options. results and data are archived for research and historical use. Your information is important not only for this year but for years to come. This survey will be open for several weeks.

[Complete the Survey](#)

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

Norroa is now registered as a varroa mite treatment in New York State. The Department of Environmental Conservation's Bureau of Pesticide Management is responsible for pesticide registrations and products can be searched for at any time in their [Information Portal](#).

Thank you,

HONEY BEE HEALTH PROGRAM

NY Bee Wellness SPRING SURVEY 2026

Hello-

We would like to assess the situation for for NON-migratory New York State beekeepers and their beehives. Information gathered is for beekeepers, and may help to determine trends in honeybee health.

NOTE: the survey will be open for several weeks, if you are not ready, you can fill in the survey later this Spring.

If you have difficulty with the online form, please contact info@nybeewellness.org

Please complete the survey as best as you can and write any comments you feel that can add to future surveys and improve the NY Bee Wellness program.

If this is your first year with bees or do not have bees, you do not need to do the survey, but please look over the survey , to consider various management options.

2026 marks the 13th anniversary of the NY Bee Wellness surveys. Published results and data are archived for research and historical use. Your information is important not only for this year but for years to come.

All info is confidential, and general results of the survey will be shared in the Summer NY Bee Wellness newsletter and posted on NYBeeWellness.org . Links to previous years surveys are also on the website. Survey results will be broken down into 8 major regions in New York State.

NOTE: the survey will close by mid-May.

Thank you for your participation!

Questions? contact:
survey@nybeewellness.org

[LINK TO THE SURVEY](#)

LINKS

[Norroa Press Release](#)

[\(305\) Betterbee - YouTube](#) Plenty of good short beekeeping videos!

[Scientists uncovered the nutrients bees were missing — Colonies surged 15-fold | ScienceDaily](#)

[Trees for bees: from planting to pruning with Mike Connor](#)

And [ENT 71 15](#) Trees for bees!

[2024-25 Winter Capped Brood Monitoring / Auburn University College of Agriculture](#)

"The status of capped brood in honey bee colonies during winter is critical information beekeepers must consider when choosing an appropriate

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control product for the mite *Varroa destructor*. As colonies emerge from winter, insight into colony brood rearing also helps beekeepers plan for early spring management, such as feeding and swarm control."

Informative to look at the different localities for the timing of disappearance of capped brood in the autumn and the reappearance in the spring. There is definitely a clear influence of latitude.

VISIT THE CLUB WEBSITE AT

WWW.LONGISLANDBEEKEEPERS.ORG

Check your account on the website every month