

Beekeeping 101 Class Syllabus

Class 1:

We'll examine the different honey bees in the hives and get familiar with some of their rules and characteristics.

1. Identify honey bee motivations
2. Learn honey bee needs
3. Follow colony rules
4. Observe colony characteristics

Class 2:

We'll look at the mechanics of keeping bees, including:

1. Planning/Goals
2. Records/Organization
3. Understanding your tools
4. Hive inspection tips

Class 3:

We'll walk through the year and address how the bees respond to each season and what they need to be successful.

1. Survival in February through mid-April
2. Survival of the species in May and June (swarm prevention)
3. Early summer brood build-up
4. Late summer and winter bees
5. Fall and winter preparations

Class 4

We'll address the most important aspects of keeping the bees healthy.

1. Feeding bees
2. Mite testing and treating

Class 5:

This will be a hands-on class.

1. Review what we learned
2. Discuss spring management

Class 6:

The course concludes with a final hands-on session.

1. Continue reviewing what we learned
2. Hands on learning at a hive - possibly install a spring package