

# VIRGINIA BEEKEEPING RESOURCES

## CONTACT INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

"Virginia Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services" [https://  
www.vdacs.virginia.gov](https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov)

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Consumer Services  
<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov>

National Honey Board  
<https://www.honey.com>

The Honey Bee Initiative  
George Mason University  
<https://bees.gmu.edu/>

Department of Entomology Virginia Tech  
<https://www.ento.vt.edu/>

### Did you know?

*1 in 3 bites of the average  
American meal can be directly  
attributed to honeybee  
pollination.*

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*A worker honey bee will make  
about 1/12th of a teaspoon of  
honey in her lifetime*

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*The honeybee's "waggle  
dance," a method of providing  
directions to food sources, is  
the only known symbolic  
language existing outside of  
humans and lower primates.*

## Sustainable agriculture grant awarded!



In 2008, the PWRBA was a  
recipient of a Southern SARE  
(Sustainable Agriculture Re-  
search and Education) grant.

Based on the work for this grant, the club  
promotes sustainable beekeeping practices  
through local production of nucs (nucleus  
colonies) and local queen honey bees.

## PWRBA OBJECTIVES

- **To provide a forum** for the exchange of  
ideas and views of mutual interest to  
beekeepers.
- **To provide education** on the practical  
aspects of beekeeping and encourage the  
use of better and more productive meth-  
ods in the apiary.
- **To foster cooperation** between members  
of the association.
- **To promote understanding** and coopera-  
tion between the association and the  
community with regard to beekeeping.
- **To promote the use of honey** and honey  
products.

## The Prince William Regional Beekeepers Association

*Come join us! We welcome newcomers  
and would be happy to help you get  
started in your beekeeping adventure!*

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



Promoting Responsible  
and Sustainable  
**BEEKEEPING**

## How can we help the bees?

Pollinators, including honey bees, are threatened by various pests, a decline in available forage, and the increased use of pesticides. Planting flowers and reducing your use of chemicals helps all bees.

## BEEKEEPING IN A NUTSHELL

According to the National Honey Board, there are an estimated 115,000 – 125,000 beekeepers in the United States. The vast majority are hobbyists with less than 25 hives.

Commercial beekeepers who manage more than 300 colonies work long hours in the spring and summer. They examine their hives to ensure the colony has a healthy queen bee and that the colony is clean and free from disease. To keep their hives strong, beekeepers must place their hives in locations that will provide abundant nectar sources as well as water.

Beekeepers harvest their honey in late spring to early fall, depending on the honey flows. In Virginia, most of the honey is gathered in late spring and early summer.



## ABOUT THE PWRBA

### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership consists of folks from Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford, and Fairfax counties. Dues are \$20 per family per year and include use of club honey extractor.

### MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the PWRBA are held the 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November at the Manassas Church of the Brethren (10047 Nokesville Rd, Manassas, VA 20110). Please check the website to confirm dates and location. Everyone is welcome!

### BEEKEEPING CLASSES

Introductory beekeeping classes are held every winter in several Northern Virginia locations. Our club make nucleus colonies available to all students

### MORE INFO?

To find additional information or learn more about us, be sure to visit us at our website: [www.pwrbeekeepers.com](http://www.pwrbeekeepers.com)



*Bee on an Aster*

*Beekeeper Checking Hives*