## VIRGINIA BEEKEEPING RESOURCES

**CONTACT INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE** 

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

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**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. NNN

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!



SARE In 2008, the PWRBA was a recipient of a Southern SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Re-Sustanable Agriculture 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 methods in the apiary.
- To foster cooperation between members of the association.
- To promote understanding and cooperation 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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# 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.



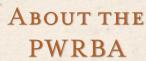
# BEEKEEPING IN A NUTSHELL

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.







### **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