

A photograph showing three individuals in white protective suits and hoods working with beehives in a wooded area. The person on the left is wearing blue jeans and is seen from the back, holding a wooden frame. The person in the middle is also in a white suit and is using a yellow tool to work on a hive. The person on the right is in a white suit and is holding a clipboard. The background consists of dense green trees and foliage.

Why Keep Bees

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Why Not to Keep Bees

- You will get stung, no matter what.
- Lots of work involved throughout the season.
- Lots of expenses: Beekeeping equipment, tools, bees, gas for you vehicle, etc.
- But there are many more positives than negatives!

Why Keep Bees

- Honey
- Pollination
- Products from the Hive
- Business



Honey

- Nature's natural sweetener
- Multiple aromas, colors, and flavors
- Determined by flower/nectar source
- Raw honey, comb honey, creamed honey, mead, honey vinegar, ingredient/topping







Pollination

- You need bees to pollinate your crops!
- Bees pollinate 1/3 of the crops we eat
- Almonds completely depend on bee pollination





Cross Pollination

Products From the Hive

- Wax – candles, lip balm, lotion bars, cosmetics, furniture, art
- Propolis – Medicinal purposes
- Pollen – Medicinal purposes
- Royal Jelly – Medicinal purposes
- Venom – Medicinal purposes
- Mead – Honey alcohol



HONEY













Business

- Sell honey/other products
- Crop pollination
- Commercial queen/bee package industries





2011 Honey Crop Sale

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