

MEYER BEES

2022 Packages, Nucs, Queens and Beekeeping Supplies

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MULTIPLE RACES AVAILABLE FOR 2022 PACKAGES, NUCS AND QUEENS Italian, Russian, Carniolan, Saskatraz and Local Meyer Bees Queens











COMPLETE LINE OF BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT THE SHOWROOM & WAREHOUSE JUST 35 MILES SOUTHWEST OF CHICAGO - STOP BY AND SEE US!











10 frame 8 frame 5 frame 4 frame custom

insulated winter inner covers w/candy board and upper vent



easy check and treatments

> custom build a starter kit combo to fit your needs SAVE \$\$





complete line of Lyson polystyrene hive kits









1,000'S OF ITEMS IN STOCK - SEE A SMALL SAMPLE BELOW

Item				
unassembled commercial 9 5/8" - 10 or 8 frame deep	\$	20.95		
unassembled commercial 6 5/8" - 10 or 8 frame medium	\$	19.95		
unassembled commercial 5 5/8" 10 frame shallow	\$	19.95		
assembled and painted boxes available - contact us for detail	S			
assembled telescoping cover - 10 or 8 frame	\$	34.50		
assembled inner cover cover - 10 or 8 frame	\$	17.50		
assembled bottom board w/reducer - 10 or 8 frame	\$	21.50		
assembled varroa screen bottom board w/tray -10 or 8 frame	\$	28.95		
complete assembled and painted hive kits available - contact	us			
7D cement resin coated small diameter nails, 1 lb	\$	5.50		
9 1/8" waxed rite-cell assembled frame, 20 pk	\$	73.00		
6 1/4" waxed rite-cell assembled frame, 20 pk	\$	68.00		
frames - unassembled groove, wedge and split styles - contact	us			
wax foundation - thin / cut comb, wired, hook, small cell - con	tac	t us		
mouse guards, stainless steel - 10 or 8 frame	\$	7.25		
metal bound queen excluder - 10 or 8 frame	\$	7.80		
plastic queen excluder - 10 or 8 frame	\$	4.20		
slow release pheromone swarm lure	\$	3.50		
smoker fuel, 1lb bag	\$	4.95		
kwik-start smoker pellets, 100 pk	\$	13.95		
bee brush	\$	6.95		
uncapping scratcher	\$	9.95		
pro health feed stimulant w/essential oils, 1 pt, makes 25 gal	\$	29.95		
small hive beetle trap	\$	2.50		
mite away quick strips, 2 pk	\$	15.95		
varroa easy check	\$	23.95		
nuc: unassembled complete 5 frame box w/migratory cover	\$	49.95		



^{**} bulk discounts available on most items, prices subject to change

GLASS / PLASTIC BOTTLES & LABELS - MANY STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM





2022 SPRING BEE PICK-UP ORDER FORM

ITALIAN, RUSSIAN, CARNIOLAN, SASKATRAZ AND LOCAL MEYER BEES QUEENS

	ltem	Price	Quan	Total
S	3 pound Italian package w/mated and laying Italian queen	\$130		
36	3 pound Carniolan package w/mated and laying Carniolan queen	\$140		
A	3 pound Russian package w/mated and laying Russian queen	\$140		
3	3 pound Saskatraz package w/mated and laying queen (available mid April to mid May)	\$150		
A	Queen marking on packages above, priced per package (the color for 2022 = yellow)	\$5		
Ь	3 pound bulk package of bees with no queen	\$110		
	5 frame Italian nuc w/mated and laying marked Italian queen, 2-3 fr brood, 1-2 fr honey/pollen	\$165		
S	5 frame Russian nuc w/mated and laying marked Russian queen, 2-3 fr brood, 1-2 fr honey/pollen	\$175		
5	5 frame Carniolan nuc w/mated and laying marked Carniolan queen, 2-3 fr brood, 1-2 fr honey/pollen	\$175		
Z	5 frame Saskatraz nuc w/mated and laying marked Saskatraz queen, 2-3 fr brood, 1-2 fr honey/pollen	\$195		
	5 frame Overwintered nuc w/mated and laying marked overwintered Meyer Bees queen	\$200		
S	Early season marked and mated Italian queens March to May, Meyer Bees queens available May+	\$35		
	Marked and mated Russian queens mid March+	\$40		
Ш	Marked and mated Carniolan queens mid March+	\$40		
20	Marked and mated Saskatraz queens mid April+	\$42		
	Queen cells, virgin queens and instrumentally inseminated queens available - contact us for details			
	Ultra Bee pollen feed patty for packages and nucs w/18% protein, approx 1 pound	\$3		
	Spirulina protein / amino feed patty for packages and nucs w/15% protein, approx 1 pound	\$4		



Select your pickup date. Orders are processed on a first come first served basis - weather can impact dates. Indicate your preferred pickup dates 1 through 3 with 1 indicating most preferred. Leaving this section blank indicates first available.

Payment (circle) CASH / CHECK

TOTAL \$

	End March	Early April	Mid April	End April	Early May	Mid May	End May
Packages							
Nucs	NA	NA	NA				
Oueens							



- ✓ Payment in full is required at the time of purchase
- ✓ Limited quantities / availability on some items



✓ If you have a DOA queen she must be returned in the original sealed queen cage within 2 days - a replacement will be provided



✓ You must pickup your bees on your designated pick-up date, We will contact you when the specific date is determined



Multiple pickup dates are planned at our Minooka location in March,
 April and May (weather can impact the dates)



✓ Make sure you have your hive ready before the bees arrive



Package bees should be fed at the time they are installed, both sugar syrup and pollen patties are recommended, feed them until they won't take any more (sometimes this can last up to 6 weeks)



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Name							
Address							
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Beekeeping association(s) you belong to, how did you hear about us:

Orders can be mailed with a check or money order to: Meyer Bees 2021 Holt Road Minooka, IL 60447

Call or email with any questions: 815-521-9116 contact@meyerbees.com



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2022 Mason & Leafcutter Bees

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POLLINATION

Solitary female bees mate then build their own nests, gather nectar and pollen, and lays eggs. Since there is no hive to defend or feed, solitary bees are not aggressive. Solitary bees don't make honey. Some solitary bees like the mason bees and leafcutter bees are hole-nesting bees who use pre-made nesting holes and overwinter in cocoons. These hole nesting bees are gentle, easy to raise and you don't need protective gear to take care of them. Solitary bees have a range of about 300 feet and they are much more focused on your nearby flower blooms. Honeybees have a range of 2 miles or more.





100 times more effective pollinators than honey bees due how they carry pollen loose & dry on their hairy bellies



Mason Bees are spring bees which emerge once the temperatures remain around 50 degrees. Once emerged they seek out spring fruit and nut trees and berry bushes. They do a great job of cross-pollination between early season plants. The Mason Bees utilize "clayey" mud for building nest walls hence the "Mason" name. Be sure to have a source of mud within 25 feet.

Leafcutter Bees are summer bees which emerge once the temperatures remain around 75 degrees. Once emerged they seek out summer fruit trees, vegetables and flowers. They utilize leaves for building nesting cocoons hence their name.

Leafcutters are smaller than mason bees and require slightly smaller sized nesting blocks.



Starting the spring season with Mason Bees and then changing over to Leafcutter Bees in summer provides an entire season of local pollinators for your close-by fruit trees, vegetables and flower gardens. Bee diversity evidence suggests a 24% increase in crop yields when running both solitary bees and honey bees side by side.



ltem	Price	Quan	Total
Chalet House kit for Mason & Leafcutter Bees - assembly required	\$35		
Chalet House for Mason & Leafcutter Bees - assembled	\$50		
Mason Bee Nesting Reeds - 10 pack	\$9		
Mason Bee Nesting Reeds - 50 pack	\$18		
Mason Bees 48 Hole Nesting Block (reusable)	\$35		
Mason Bees 96 Hole Nesting Block (reusable)	\$45		
Mason Bee Cocoons - 20 pack (approx 12 males and 8 females)	\$25		
Mason Bee Cocoons - 40 pack (approx 24 males and 16 females)	\$47		
Mason Bee Cocoons - 100 pack (approx 60 males and 40 females)	\$105		
Mason Bee Clay - approx 1 pound bag	\$19		
Mason Bee Humidity Storage Box for Cocoons	\$5		
Leafcutter Bee Nesting Reeds - 10 pack	\$9		
Leafcutter Bee Nesting Reeds - 50 pack	\$18		
Leafcutter Bee 104 Hole Nesting Block (reusable)	\$35		
Leafcutter Bees 104 block with approx 100 bees (reusable block)	\$65		
Pest-Prevention Bag for Nesting Reeds / Blocks (approx 20" x 21")	\$7	_	

synthetic

wax

drawn

comb

@ \$6 ea 10+ @ \$5.50 ea

painted and assembled commercial hive box with waxed rite-cell frames 10 frame deep @ \$70 ea 10 frame medium @ \$65 ea



vented leather gloves @ \$20 ea



dome smoker @ \$26 ea

bee brush @ \$6 ea

9.5" stainless steel hive tool @ \$12 ea







FEED ITEMS: HFCS 55, POLLEN, PROTEIN AND SUPPLEMENTS



The following items are available for purchase:

- High Fructose Corn Syrup 55 (HFCS) in bulk, totes, barrels or 5 gallon pails, available for pickup from multiple Illinois locations each month we can fill your containers call for details
- Pro-Sweet Liquid Feed is the best liquid feed available containing both binomial sugars (think nectar) and monomial sugars (think honey)
- Ultra Bee 58% bulk pollen substitute, also available in pre-made 18% protein patties that can be installed directly into the hives
- Winter patties with 4% protein in bulk and pre-made patties
- Fondant 90/10 in bulk ready to use
- Complete line of feed supplements from Mann Lake, Honey B Healthy and others covering both nutrition and health





one pound Ultra Bee patties
4% protein winter patty @ \$3 ea
18% protein brood builder @ \$3 ea
(bulk quantities are available)





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MEYER BEES LOCAL QUEENS - MINOOKA, IL (CHICAGOLAND)



Each spring, we evaluate our apiaries and select a handful of top quality colonies with the traits below. The selected <u>mother queens</u> from these colonies are grafted from to produce daughter queens which we mate in our Minooka, IL apiary. We work with our neighbors in a 1 to 2 mile ring around our mating yard and place desirable drone production colonies at these sites to ensure the daughter queens are well mated. The daughter queens laying patterns are evaluated before offering them for sale. Pickup and shipping options are available.







MOTHER QUEEN SELECTION PROCESS:

- Colony and mother queen must survive one or more Chicagoland winters
- Colony must produce 125+ pounds of excess honey in prior year
- Colony must have a gentle temperament and be easy to work
- Colony must show mite and disease resistance







2022 VARIETAL HONEY & BEE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM



Honey Variety / Product	Description / Price	Quan	Total
Almond Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Almond Honey is sweet with a strong nutty a	ftertaste. Some people taste a bit of bitterness in the aftertaste as well. The color of Almond Honey tends toward	ls brown, like t	he nut.
Apple Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$13 ea		
Apple Honey is light and sweet, with a nice no	atural apple taste.		
Avocado Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Avocado Honey tastes like dark buttery carar	mel with a touch of anise.		
Basswood Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$13 ea		
Basswood honey has a nice and warm golder	n color. It ranges from white to extra light amber. The flavor is medium sweet and pleasantly fruity, with a hint o	f lime at the er	nd.
Blackberry Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Rich, warm, confectionary sweetness and a t	iny hint of spice. Great for stepping up your baking and sauce recipes. It is also perfect for sweetening your tea.		
Blueberry Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Color range from light to dark amber, and a	warm, pleasing aroma. Earthy and a bit tangy with a bold and somewhat fruity flavor, full-flavored, not overpo	owering.	
Buckwheat Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Bold and unique flavor that people either s	trongly like or strongly dislike. The flavor is earthy and complex like a dark roasted caffè mocha with an aroma	of deep, war	m cocoa.
Carrot Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Dark amber color with an aroma reminiscer	nt of chocolate. Taste is strong with a bite to it—a sharp spike in an otherwise earthy, caramel flavor. "Grass	y" aftertaste.	
Clover Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Very popular honey. Typically light colored	and has a sweet, flowery flavor and a pleasing mild taste. Combines well with other items.		
Coffee Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$13 ea		
Light to dark amber color, delicious full bod	ied honey, with a taste of a light molasses.	·	
Coriander Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Hints of cardamom and gingerbread are the	savory notes. The flavorful finish is earthy with a hint of fresh lime peel, a unique flavor found in honey varie	tals.	
Cranberry Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Has a medium amber color, a slightly reddis	sh tint, and is prized for its strong berry flavor and delicious undertones without the tartness of the cranberry		
Fireweed Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$12 ea		
Clean and pleasant aroma, and a taste that	is smooth, sweet and fruity with a delightful buttery finish. Fairly rare and lives up to the accolades it receive	es.	
Knotweed Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Dark, robust color, with an earthy, nutty, sw	veetness harvested in late summer/early fall when bees forage on this tall towering bamboo like plant.		
Manuka Blossom Honey	8.8 oz glass jar with metal lid @ \$49 ea		
New Zealand MGO 263+ rated. Research h	as found that Mānuka Honey can reduce the growth of bacteria in the gastrointestinal tract adding to the ant	i-inflammator	y propertie
Meadowfoam Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$12 ea		
Widely known for its strong vanilla and/or m	narshmallow flavors. The vibrant white blossoms are stunning and can catch your eye from miles away.		
Mesquite Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Is a light, mild-tasting honey, and very delic	ious. This honey granulates more quickly than perhaps any other, at times seeming to crystalize virtually ove	rnight.	
Meyer Bees Wildflower Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
A honey bee created mixture of all the avail	able nectar sources in our area. The nectar is from trees, flowers, fruits and even flowering weeds.		

purchases can be made at the Minooka, IL showroom



Orders are processed on a first come first served basis - limited quantities of some honey varieties are available. We can substitute alternate varieties for out of stock product.

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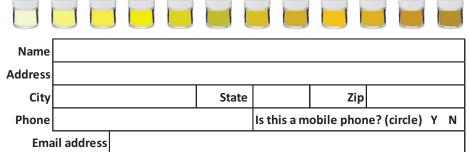






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Orange Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Flavor is mild, but very sweet, with just a hir	nt of citrus. Because this honey variety is so sweet, it works well when mixed with other foods (such as plain	yogurt) or for	baking.
Pumpkin Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$12 ea		
Has sweet and rich pumpkin flavor. True to	the squash flavor. It is mildly sweet with the aroma of summer fields and squash.		
Radish Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Not spicy like the plant, it has a sweet-yet-li	ght flavor, with an aftertaste that leaves your mouth a bit dry.		
Raspberry Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Has a delicate floral scent and light raspber	ry flavor. The result is very pleasant aroma and wonderful taste.		
Scotch Broom Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Smokey, dried apricot flavor. Scotch broom	pollen is likely the strongest flavor element in this honey varietal.		
Sourwood Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$13 ea		
Prized by connoisseurs worldwide. Amber in	color and granulates slowly. Extremely aromatic, with a distinctive honey flavor of anise and spice.		
Southern Belle Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Combination of Ti-Ti, Black Tupelo, Black Gur	n, Willow, and other plants produce a dark, quickly granulating honey that is excellent for baking and many t	eas.	
Star Thistle Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Light, transparent and a thick viscous appea	rance with a distinct aroma of anise, slightly sharp or pungent with notes of sweet, spicy cinnamon, molass	es and prune	
Tallow Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Warm brown color that has an herbal, grass	y smell. Has a rich, not to sweet and slightly bitter, herbal taste with a caramel, slight cinnamon aftertaste.		
Thyme Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$13 ea		
Very strong, intensely aromatic honey with I	nerbal, savory flavors; fresh and reminiscent of tropical fruits, dates and white pepper.		
Tropical Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Has a warm caramel aroma with deep notes	of molasses. The flavor is floral, herbaceous, and sweet.		
Tupelo Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$11 ea		
Exquisite buttery flavor and light color, hone	y from the tupelo tree is sought after by honey aficionados the world over. Resists granulation due to high fi	ructose to glu	cose ratios
/etch Blossom Honey	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$10 ea		
Light, golden varietal honey features robust	notes of peach and crisp apples followed by a hint of mint and fresh flowers.		•
Agave Nectar	8 oz plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$8 ea		
Comb Honey	16 oz (approx) 100% natural raw honeycomb square in plastic container @ \$20 ea		
Creamed Honey	10 oz wide mouth glass jar with metal lid @ \$15		
Honey Powder	16 oz bulk pouch @ \$15 ea		
Bee Pollen	8 oz raw bee pollen in plastic bottle with flip top lid @ \$16 ea		
Honey Candy	16 oz assorted (Grape, Green Apple, Lemon, Orange and Strawberry) @ \$9 per bag		
Beeswax Tealight Candles	10 pack of 100% beeswax tealights with plastic holders @ \$15 per pack		
Honey Bee Advent Calendar	24 piece honey bee product sampler / 24 day advent calendar @ \$99 ea		



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item	Price	Quan	Sub-Total
Total items above	NA		
Shipping & Handling for first item	\$9.95	1	\$9.95
Shipping & Handling for each additional item @ \$1 each	\$1 ea		
	Total \$		

Payment (circle) CASH / CHECK#

Call us 815-521-9116 to pay via credit card

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purchases can be made at the Minooka, IL showroom

- Typical hours of operation are 10 am to 6 pm
- Open Sunday through Saturday all year long
- Tours of our apiary operation are available

Call before visiting in case we have a bee emergency which pulls us from the showroom.













- Queens and most supply items can be shipped.
- Unfortunately, no shipping on packages or nucs.







Dave Meyer, owner of Meyer Bees, has been beekeeping for over 17+ years starting with just a few colonies and now managing several hundred across multiple apiaries. Located in Minooka IL (about 35 miles southwest of Chicago), Dave and his family operate a beekeeping supply showroom / warehouse, raise local queens and provide packages, nucs and queens to beekeepers. He holds a Master Beekeeper certification, is a producer member in the Illinois Queen Initiative and is active in many of the Chicagoland area beekeepers clubs.

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