

The Bee Line

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

Next meeting May 9, 2024

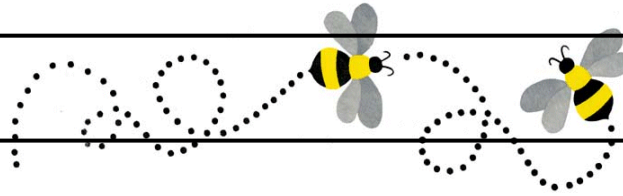
Lufkin VFW Post 1836

1800 Ford Chapel Road, Lufkin

<https://www.pineywoodsbeekeepers.org/>

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May Program

We have a new meeting location! Beginning this month, we'll meet at the Lufkin VFW Post located at 1800 Ford Chapel Road. Outside food and drinks are not allowed, but you can purchase a meal there if you wish. They offer things like burgers, hot dogs, fries, and drinks. Meals cost \$7-11. A nonprofit women's group runs the kitchen and the profits go to veterans. You do not have to purchase a meal.

Bill Baxter, Assistant Chief Apiary Inspector of the Texas Apiary Inspection Service, will be speaking about the services that TAIS provides and the legalities of selling nucs.

Welcome to our Brood!

Debbie Greszler

What's Buzzing

6/15 – Texas Beekeepers Association Summer Clinic, 8am – 5pm, Allen. \$110 for TBA members, \$135 for non-members.

<https://texasbeekeepers.org/summer-clinic/>

Texan bees in the spring



**TBA
SUMMER
CLINIC
2024**

COURTYARD MARRIOTT
AT ALLEN EVENT CENTER

At-Home Beekeeping Series presented by the Lawrence Co. Alabama Extension Office. 6:30-7:30pm. Recordings from this series are available **for only two weeks** after each session on the Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office Facebook page. <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/at-home-beekeeping-series/>

2024 Dates and Topics

May 28 – TBD

David Tarpy, North Carolina State University

June 25 – TBD

Liz Walsh, USDA-ARS Baton Rouge

Seasonal Tips

Robert Jones

May is the first time you will be able to possibly extract excess honey. On colonies that have the extra bee resources, you will see excess only if the weather allows for it. Too much rain means that no extra resource will be there. If there is extreme drought, the resources will not be there. Rainfall, along with warm days, are essential to good nectar flows. The warmer the days, the better the nectar flow will be and the cooler the days, the slower the nectar flow will be. Either too much or too little rain and the nectar production will be low.

Always prepare for the flow by knowing the traditional days it starts and stops. Keep a watch on these seasonal plants to be sure of the actual timing of the nectar production. This will keep you ahead on supers.

The mid to the last week of May starts the last big nectar flow of the Tallow, which is the largest nectar flow in Deep East Texas. This flow will end in the third week of June. It flows a very long time and produces the majority of what we extract.

This is a good time to have new foundation pulled and extra honey captured. The plan is still not to get behind on adding your supers. Swarms will continue during this heavy nectar time. Continue to feed small growing hives for brood production.

Comb-Grown Goodness

Honey Lemonade (or Limeade)

<https://www.theprairiehomestead.com/honey-lemonade-recipe>

1 c freshly-squeezed lemon or lime juice

½ c honey

5 c cold water

Lemon or lime slices, optional

Wash lemons or limes and juice them. Mix the lemon or lime juice and honey together in the pitcher until thoroughly combined. Add the cold water and briskly stir. Chill and serve over ice. Garnish with lemon or lime slices if desired.





Edward and Wendy Doucet had a little help in their bee yard. They extracted some beautiful frames of honey with their beautiful grandchildren.



Terry McFall captured a swarm at the Jasper Farmers Market.