



Catch The Buzz

Memphis Area Beekeepers Association www.memphisbeekeepers.com

P.O. Box 38028, Germantown, TN 38183

Meeting Location: 7777 Walnut Grove Rd # C, Memphis, TN 38120

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MEETING DATE & TIME: May 14, 2018 at 7 pm – David Glover will present “Now that you have your bees, what do you look for when you open your hive?” Many new beekeepers have received their bees recently, so this is a timely subject – what is going on in that hive? Get your writing sticks, you’ll be putting them to use! See y’all there!

MAY AND THE BEES

- The hive is working at top speed, the Queen is laying and the bees are bringing in nectar and pollen. Give them room, give them space to store a honey crop. They’ll be happy you did!

MAY AND THE BEEKEEPER

- Keep up with the working bees by adding empty boxes underestimating how much equipment you need could cost you a honey crop and could enhance the swarming impulse. Make sure to keep an empty box on top during this time of year. Swarming continues as new bees continue to overcrowd colonies. Watch for Swarms, add empty Supers, attend Bee Meetings and update “Bloom Calendar” this will help the beekeeper remember when the major honey flow occurs.

Equipment, equipment, equipment. Manage to prevent swarming by adding equipment.

4/24/2018 National Honey Board Report: <https://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ams/FVMHONEY.pdf>

TENNESSEE: Spring is in full swing across most of Tennessee. Beekeepers that had not looked into their colonies earlier this spring are finding on average 80% dead-outs. About 30% of those dead outs that have been inspected are the result of tracheal mites the others appear to be virus related. Tennessee had not seen any significant losses from tracheal mites for about 10 years until this past winter so most beekeepers were not treating for them. Most colonies that survived the winter are building up quickly. Swarms have already been reported in middle and west Tennessee. Drone populations are building quickly. Fruit trees, redbuds, hollies, dandelions, henbit and other wildflowers are in bloom.

ARKANSAS: No report issued.

MISSISSIPPI: The beekeepers are busy getting in the hives and checking the bees. Plenty of rain caused a late start this year and everyone is extra busy working to get the bees in shape for Spring flow and filling orders for late shipments.



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BEEKEEPING READING LIST

1) The Bees in Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees

The Bees in Your Backyard provides an engaging introduction to the roughly 4,000 different bee species found in the United States and Canada, dispelling common myths about bees while offering essential tips for telling them apart in the field.

The book features more than 900 stunning color photos of the bees living all around us—in our gardens and parks, along nature trails, and in the wild spaces between. It describes their natural history, including where they live, how they gather food, their role as pollinators, and even how to attract them to your own backyard. Ideal for amateur naturalists and experts alike, it gives detailed accounts of every bee family and genus in North America, describing key identification features, distributions, diets, nesting habits, and more.

Read or heard of good, science-based beekeeping articles? Please let us know, we will get them into the MABA newsletter. webmaster@memphisbeekeepers.com

UNIT HONEY PRICES BY MONTH

Retail-Average Retail Price per Pound across all reporting regions - Data from <https://www.honey.com/honey-industry/statistics/retail-honey-price> used with permission. Based upon average price across all reporting regions. Assumes various sizes sold at the same rate.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2018	\$7.57	\$7.22	\$7.34	\$7.28								
2017	\$7.35	\$6.99	\$6.85	\$7.04	\$7.06	\$7.25	\$7.05	\$7.26	\$7.27	\$7.37	\$7.18	\$7.25
2016	\$6.74	\$6.91	\$6.79	\$6.79	\$6.72	\$7.12	\$7.01	\$6.88	\$6.88	\$7.12	\$7.04	\$7.39

Average Wholesale Case Price Per Pound across All Reporting Regions. Data from <https://www.honey.com/honey-industry/statistics/wholesale-honey-price> used with permission. Based upon average price across all reporting regions. Assumes various sizes sold at the same rate.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2018	\$5.30	\$5.18	\$5.22	\$5.31								
2017	\$5.25	\$5.32	\$5.38	\$5.27	\$5.13	\$5.46	\$5.39	\$5.35	\$5.44	\$5.27	\$5.19	\$5.31
2016	\$5.04	\$5.15	\$5.04	\$5.20	\$4.97	\$5.19	\$5.09	\$5.01	\$5.10	\$5.31	\$5.27	\$5.39

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Plan now for National Honey Bee Day 2018, which is Saturday August 18, 2018

To learn more about beekeeping in Tennessee visit the Tennessee Beekeepers Association website at:

<http://www.tnbeekeepers.org/>

Register your colonies with your respective state's department of agriculture:

Tennessee: <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/agriculture/documents/apiary/AgLicApiaryReg.pdf>

Mississippi: No apparent registration needed – please correct me if in correct

Arkansas: http://www.aad.arkansas.gov/Websites/aad/files/Content/5944113/Bee_Yard_Registration_Form.pdf

HONEY-BASED RECIPES

1. Skinny Honey Lime Chicken Enchiladas – Makes 4 servings

INGREDIENTS	DIRECTIONS
2 large chicken breasts, cooked and shredded	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
12 oz. green enchilada sauce	In a 9 x 13 baking dish, pour a few oz. of enchilada sauce to slightly cover the bottom of your dish. Set aside.
1/3 cup honey	Whisk together the honey, lime juice, chili powder and garlic powder. Pour this marinade over the shredded chicken and stir so all chicken gets covered in marinade. Let sit for 30 minutes.
1/4 cup lime juice (about 2 limes)	Place chicken into middle of tortilla and top with cheese. Roll tightly and place into baking dish. Repeat.
1 T chili powder	Sprinkle remaining cheese on top.
1 tsp garlic powder	Coat the enchiladas with the leftover marinade using a pastry brush.
8 medium whole wheat tortillas	Bake for 20 minutes or until tortillas are slightly brown.
2 cups Mexican cheese, shredded	While enchiladas are in the oven, make the enchilada sour cream sauce by placing the milk, remaining enchilada sauce, 2 T cilantro, and 2 T sour cream in a small saucepan on medium heat. Stir frequently until thoroughly heated.
3/4 cup 1% milk	
4 T cilantro	
1/3 cup light sour cream	



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<p>Drizzle the enchilada sour cream sauce as desired onto enchiladas which can also be topped with leftover sour cream and cilantro.</p> <p>Top with 2 pieces green leaf lettuce, 3 slices tomato, 3 slices Spicy Honey Candied Bacon, and 1 fried egg.</p> <p>Spread 2 T avocado mash on second slice sourdough toast and place on top of sandwich to close.</p> <p>Slice diagonally, serve.</p>

2. Grilled Corn with Spiced Honey Butter – Makes 8 servings

INGREDIENTS

<p>1/2 cup butter, softened</p> <p>1/3 cup honey</p> <p>1 tsp chili powder</p> <p>8 ears fresh corn</p> <p>8 lime wedges</p> <p>1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped</p>	<p>In a small bowl stir together the butter, honey and chili powder; set aside.</p> <p>Fold back husks and remove silk from corn; pull husks back up over corn.</p> <p>Place corn in a large bowl of ice water and soak for 15 minutes. Remove and shake off excess water.</p> <p>Place on grill over medium hot coals and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, turning frequently.</p> <p>Remove husks and spread each ear with seasoned butter. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with lime wedges.</p>
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It is warming up, and swarming came upon us very quickly, so make sure your colonies have enough space. Add boxes if you need to. Have your equipment ready in your vehicle to respond to swarm calls, you never know when you will get a call!

SEE YOU AT THE MAY MABA MEETING, PLEASE VISIT WITH YOUR MENTOR.