Bursting Bees

New to beekeeping?

Don't know where to start?

We've provided a list of supplies, equipment and resources to start you on your beekeeping journey.

Basic Beekeeping Tools

- Smoker
- Hive Tool
- Frame grabbers
- Bee Brush
- Smoker fuel
- Hive Feeder (in hive, boardman, rapid)

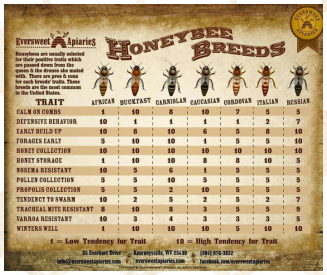
Optional, but very helpful
- Frame holder

Protective Gear

- Vented Bee Suit or
- Bee Jacket with seperate veiled hat
- Gloves
- Boots or high topped shoes

Basic Hive Parts (per beehive)

*Hive body (also called a deep or a brood box
*Inner Cover
*Outer Cover
*Bottom Board
*Frames
*Foundation (black is best for beginners)
*Honey super (also called a medium)



Bees/Queens
- Honey Bees Unltd. *nucs (Russian, Italian, Queens) 972-768-5505 sales@honeybeesultd.com
- Crooked Creek Apiary *nucs (Italian/Carniolan) Crookedcreekhoney.com

*nucs are a small starter hive with bees and queen

Where do I get supplies?

Equipment
- Honey Bees Unltd, Denton, TX Denton Dadant and Sons supplier) 972-768-5505 sales@honeybeesultd.com
- Mann Lake, Marshall, TX mannlakeltd.com

Limited Supplies
- D & L Denton
- Tractor Supply Company
- Atwood's Gainesville

Honey Bees Ultd. carries beginner bundles with all the items recommended in this sheet. Call or email and ask for the Bursting Bees Bundle!

What to keep in your field toolbox

smoker fuel
hive tool
bee brush
frame grabbers
lighters/matches
rag
permanent marker
tape
pen and paper
disinfecting wipes
pocketknife or scissors

Where do I get training/mentoring?

- Local Bee Clubs
  - Denton County Beekeepers Association
  - Elm Fork Beekeepers Association
  - Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association
- Beginner Beekeepeing Classes (Basic info)
  - Monthly mtg of Denton County Beekeepers
  - Monthly mtg of Collin County Hobby Beekeepers
- In-depth Classes
  - John Talbert, Sabine Creek Honey, Josephine, Tx https://www.sabinecreekhoney.com/
  - Don Dieterich, Youth only, Double Oak, TX (469-693-3242)
  - Elm Fork Beekeepers Association Clinics http://www.elmforkbeekeepers.org/
- Mentoring with Master Beekeeper
  - Michelle Boerst, North Texas (940-231-6831)