



# NORTHERN PIEDMONT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## **Other bee education and course options**

The Beginning Beekeeping Course is an in-depth class designed specifically for those who intend to purchase bees and equipment and begin beekeeping upon completion of the course at the end of March.

Since NPBA makes all prior reservations for package bees for students before the registration process starts, it is anticipated that class participants will begin beekeeping upon completion of the course.

**If you are interested in learning more about honey bees and beekeeping but are not ready to commit to keeping them, here are some other suggestions:**

- A well-done book suitable for those who want to learn something about bees -- Honey Bee Hobbyist by Norman Gary. About \$12 (paper or Kindle) at Amazon. Well illustrated, easy reading.
- North Carolina State University offers on-line, self-paced classes at various levels of mastery. It is called Beekeeper Education and Engagement System (BEES). Generally \$25 per course.  
<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/BEES.html>
- Pennsylvania State University offers an on-line course called “Penn State Beekeeping 101.” Ranges from \$129 – \$189. Enrollment gives the student access to the program and materials for a year.  
<http://beekeeping101.psu.edu/>
- VA Bee Supply in Remington, VA offers one day, on-site classes.  
<http://www.virginiabeesupply.com>