

QUICK GUIDE TO BEE RESOURCES

AgriLife has an online course to ensure landowners don't start out on the wrong foot. Honeybees are social insects and live in colonies or hives, which can contain up to 60,000 bees.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Recognize the four stages of honeybee lifecycle and know what they do
- Describe the honeybee colony lifecycle and its goals through the year
- Consider different races of bees when choosing queens for their hives
- Identify and acquire equipment needs for beekeeping
- Recognize a good spot to place a bee yard
- Purchase bees and properly install packages or nucs
- Evaluate maintenance needs required for beekeeping and recognize when to perform those tasks
- Recognize and manage the pests common to beehives

To access this course please click [HERE](#).

Many questions arise as to what to plant to feed bees. Pretty much anything that blooms is attractive to bees of all species. They see the colors in blue, purple, white and yellows best, so those are always good plants to pick. The important thing is to have plants suitable for our climate zone.

The following article provides details lists of pollinator plants.

<https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2021/04/01/plant-a-pollinator-garden-to-supply-immediate-food-in-response-to-freeze-setback/>

Many are interested in planting clovers as well for bees. Clovers can be a good addition to pollinator plants but should not be the only food source as their bloom time is very short. The AgriLife Clover planting guide can be found here:

https://aggieclover.tamu.edu/planting_guide/

Most beekeepers also provide supplemental feed through nectar dearths (times with a reduction of available plant nectar or perhaps no nectar at all!)

There is a beekeeper association locally producers may be interested in. The contact is jtgilmer@yahoo.com He also serves on the advisory board with the Appraisal District and can possibly assist with those questions in regards to beekeeping.

Ag Valuation is overseen by the Hunt County Appraisal district. They have an agriculture resource manual that outlines their requirements for the 1-D-1 ag valuation. It can be found [HERE](#).

Honeybees are facing declines globally due to habitat loss, pesticide use, disease, and climate change.

Finally, the [Texas Honeybee Association](#) has a variety of resources on their website as well.

Honeybees are the most well-known species of bee. They are also the only species of bee that produce honey.

