

MBA Annual Field Day

June 22, 2013

**University of Massachusetts Agronomy Farm
River Rd. South Deerfield, MA.**

The 2013 Field Day will take place on Saturday June 22rd at the University of Massachusetts Agronomy Farm in South Deerfield, MA. Field Day is an opportunity to learn from experienced beekeepers the practical tasks of hive management. Expert beekeepers volunteer their time to share techniques on pest & disease management, Queen rearing, swarm prevention, and a variety of practical skills. It is an opportunity to learn and ask questions from some of our best state and New England beekeepers.

[Registration Form](#)

Workshop sessions run from 9:00AM until 4:00PM. and are approximately one hour in length. Participants can choose four sessions from the twenty or more that are scheduled each year.

Lunch: Catered by Bub's BBQ of Sunderland. \$10.00 for lunch includes pulled pork sandwich, beans, cole slaw or potato salad, corn bread and bottled water. Plan to bring a lunch if not ordering BBQ. If possible bring a chair. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather and remember to bring sunscreen.

Lunch reservations must be reserved in advance by **Saturday, June 16.**

2013 Field Day Schedule (times and workshop topics subject to change) **9:00 AM**
Registration

9:

30 AM Welcome MBA President Rick Reault

SESSION #1: 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Tent

A1 – "**Nuc Management**" – Daniel Berry – Franklin County Beekeepers Association. Setting up, purchasing, and using Nucs in the apiary.

A2 – **"Hive Inspection & Evaluation"** – Ken Warchol / Mass Bee Inspector – Worcester County Beekeeping Association. What does the inspector look for in a hive?

A3 – **"Swarming Prevention & Control"** – Jane Sloboda – Norfolk County Beekeepers Association. Swarm prevention and control.

A4 – **"Queen Rearing"** – Dean & Ramona Stiglitz – Worcester County Beekeepers Association. Techniques for Queen rearing and the importance of locally raised honeybees.

SESSION #2: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Tent – **"Soap Making & Products of the Hive"** – Tony Lulek and Jane Sloboda – Norfolk County Beekeepers Association.

B1 – **"How to Feed Your Bees"** – Dick Connor – Franklin County Beekeepers Association. Types of feeders and the importance of feeding for colony growth.

B2 – **"Varroa Mite Control & Treatment"** - Rick Reault / President Massachusetts Beekeepers Association. Discussion on the best use of approved mite treatments.

B3 – **"Many uses of the Snellgrove Screen Board"** – Roland Segnivy – Worcester County Beekeepers Association. Swarm prevention, Queen rearing and many other uses of this important management tool.

B4 – **"Doolittle and Harry Cloake Queen Rearing Techniques"** – Bob Hickey – Plymouth County Beekeepers Association. Raising Queens and maintaining a local Queen rearing program.

LUNCH 12-1 PM

Smoker Contest – Ken Warchol – Massachusetts Bee Inspector.

Raffle Drawing – Paul Desilets

SESSION #3: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Under the Tent – **"The Eastern Apicultural Society's Master Beekeeper Program"** – Mary Duane EAS Master Beekeeper – EAS Director Massachusetts.

C1 - **"Nuc Management"** – Daniel Berry – Franklin County Beekeepers Association.

C2 – **"Doolittle and Harry Cloake Queen Rearing Techniques"** – Glen Cornell – Plymouth County Beekeepers Association. Raising Queens and maintaining a local Queen rearing program.

C3 – **"Varroa mite control using Natural Methods"** – John Baker / Connecticut Beekeepers' Association – EAS Director for Connecticut. Using Powdered sugar and other alternative mite controls.

C4 – **"Providing Small Scale Pollination Services"** – Roger Reid & Dan Conlon – Franklin County Beekeepers Association. Renting bees to local farms and orchards is valuable to Massachusetts Agriculture.

SESSION #4: 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

Under the Tent – **"Soap Making & Products of the Hive"** – Tony Lulek and Jane Sloboda – Norfolk County Beekeepers Association.

D1 – **"Varroa Mite Control & Treatments"**- Rick Reault / President Massachusetts Beekeepers Association.

D2 – **"Hive Inspections"** – Ken Warchol / Massachusetts Bee Inspector.

D3 – **"The Many uses of the "Snellgrove Board"** – Roland Signevy

D4 – **"The Taranov Swarm Method"** – Adam Novitt – Franklin County Beekeepers Association. Learn to easily split a hive without finding the queen to prevent a swarm. An obscure Russian technique suitable for beginners and experts.

3:30 PM - Brief meeting MBA Board members.

3:30 4:15 PM Clean up - volunteers welcome.