

## FIELD DAY SCHEDULE June 17th, 2017

UMASS Agricultural Learning Center, Amherst, MA.

Follow the yellow "BEE" signs

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**8:30 – 9:30 AM Registration – please sign in at the Registration table and to pick up lunch tickets.**

**Pre-order BBQ Lunch at [www.massbee.org](http://www.massbee.org) Pickup your ticket at registration.**

Coffee & Pastries will be on sale at 8:30 -AM – Provided by **Moes**

This is a free event, open to all beekeepers and the public. It is sponsored by the Massachusetts Beekeepers Association, The University of Massachusetts and hosted by members of the Franklin County Bee Association. Expenses are covered by selling raffle tickets and merchandise. Please support this annual event by purchasing a raffle ticket and buying a T-shirt.

Special Thanks to **Moes**, the **John Welsh**, and **Pasiecznik's Farm Stand** for providing morning coffee, BBQ lunch, and ice cream.

Thank you to the vendors for supporting our MBA Field Day event and meetings. Save by buying equipment at Field Day.

***Please wear protective clothing when participating in live bee demonstrations.***

***This schedule may change as we add speakers and topics.***

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**9:00 – 9:30 AM – Welcome and Announcements – Pete Delaney / MBA President.**

**SESSION #1: 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

Tent - **"Pests & Disease / Diagnosis & Treatment"** – Ed Karle will share his photos and diagnostic skills to identify and explain treatments for common honeybee pests & diseases.

MDAR Apiary – **Varroa Mite Sampling & Control** – Kim Skyrn PhD – Massachusetts Apiary Inspectors demonstrate sampling, control and treatment of Varroa mites.

Vendor Area – **“Top Bar Management”** – Christy Hemenway, owner of Gold Star Honeybees will be talking about best methods for using Top Bar hives.

Bee1 – **“Nuc Management”** – Daniel Berry – Franklin County Beekeepers Association, will review his findings on three methods of Nuc setup & Management. What was learned from his SARE grant study.

Bee2 – **“Using Oxalic Acid Vaporizers”** – Greg Keochalian will present the proper use of Oxalic acid vaporizers to control for Varroa mites. Greg manufactures & sells vaporizers.

Bee3 –

Education Center Bee Garden - **“Nectar & Pollen Plants for your Garden”** - Marian & Ed Szymanski will share their extensive list of bee plants and insights into the best plants for your garden, and landscape.

Bee4 – **“Moving Bees”** – Dick Connor, Red Barn Honey, discusses best methods to safely move bees. Packing the bees, screening, and public safety will be covered.

Bee5 - **“The Many uses of the “Snellgrove Board”** – Roland Sevigny, Worcester County, Roland will talk about how to raise Queens, control swarming, and create splits using the “Snellgrove” double screen board.

Bee6 - **“Comb Honey Production”** – Rick Intres – Bear Meadow Farm will demonstrate how to produce comb honey. For beekeepers eating honey from the comb is the best product of the hive.

### **SESSION #2: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

Under the Tent **“Personal Protection Equipment for Varroa Treatments”** – Natalia Clifton University of Massachusetts will discuss the importance of proper handling and protection when administering treatments. This is must know information for all beekeepers.

MDAR Apiary – **“Conducting Hive Inspections”** – Anita Deeley – Massachusetts Apiary Inspector will demonstrate inspection and evaluation of hives.

Vendor Area – **“Management of The Slovenian Hive”**- Suzanne Brouillette will talk about management and tips on using the Slovenian beehive.

Bee1– **"Feeding Bees"** - Alexandra Bartsch will offer tips and uses for feeding honeybees. Alix will cover feeders, when to feed and what works best. Properly feeding bees contributes to size of the population and health of the colony.

Bee2 – **"Bear Fencing"** – John Robohm – Black bear damage to beehives contributes to hundreds of losses each year. John will show proper setup and maintenance of "bear proof" electric fencing.

Bee3 – **"Ergonomics of Handling Bee Equipment"** - Jessica Kern CNMT, LMT will review techniques for lifting and movement to prevent injury to the beekeeper. Jess will summarize tips from her article in the June American Bee Journal.

Bee4 – **"Non-Profit Advocacy for Beekeepers"** – Max Weagle, this will be a discussion on how beekeepers can represent their concerns and support bee friendly legislation & public opinion.

Bee5 – **"Tips for Maximizing Queen Performance"** - Dan Conlon, Warm Colors Apiary, will offer suggestions on introducing, and keeping your queens productive. Includes hive condition, workers role, and beekeeper's responsibilities. Common problems will be covered.

Bee6 – **"What Happens after your Hive Swarms"** Leslie Huston / EAS Master Beekeeper. What to look for after your hive has swarmed and what you should be doing to help it build up.

**LUNCH 12-1:30 PM** – Tent Area BBQ – tickets required - see Chris Wayne at the Registration Tent for your ticket. Time to visit the vendors & buy a raffle ticket from Dave Thayer.

12-1:30PM Ice Cream for sale at the Trailer - Pasiernik's Farm Stand.

12:30 Smoker Contest – Ed Karl – EAS Master Beekeeper. See Ed to enter the contest.

12:30 MBA Business meeting – County Presidents & Directors please meet at BEEs #3.

1:15 PM Raffle Drawing – Dave Thayer / win Vendor donated items.

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4:00 – 5:00PM – Cleanup / Take down tent, stack chairs, empty trash, police grounds. Volunteers & FCBA members please plan to stay and help with cleanup. Many hands make for light work.