

FIELD DAY SCHEDULE June 16th, 2018

UMASS Agriculture 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 Pickup your ticket at registration.

Coffee & Pastries will be on sale at 8:30 -AM.

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 *John Welsh* for providing a BBQ lunch.

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

Please wear protective clothing when participating in live bee demonstrations. Bees are generally well behaved, but any experienced beekeeper knows to cover up.

This schedule may change as we add speakers and topics.

9:00 – 9:30 AM – Welcome and Announcements – Pete Delaney / MBA President.
Steven Herbert PhD / UMASS Professor and Faculty sponsor of Field Day.

SESSION #1: 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Tent - **"Hive Issues & Opportunities"** – Ed Karle will share photos and diagnostic skills to identify and explain common problems found in honeybee colonies. Ed is an EAS Certified Master Beekeeper.

MDAR Apiary – **"Varroa Mite Sampling & Control"** -- Massachusetts Apiary Inspectors will demonstrate sampling, control and treatment of Varroa mites.

Bee1 – **“Queen Rearing Using the Miller Method”** – Rick Intres has been raising productive queens for years using the Miller method. This is a system that any size apiary can use to raise a few or many queens.

Bee2 – **“Using Oxalic Acid to Control Varroa Mites”** – Wayne Andrews will present on the proper use of oxalic acid to reduce mites, the honeybee’s number one enemy and a major cause of bee loss worldwide.

Bee3 – **“Tips from MBA’s Beekeeper of the Year”** – Mel Gadd is this year’s recipient of the 2018 Massachusetts Beekeeper of the Year.

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 – **“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 versatile “Snellgrove” double screen board. Roland is the best and most knowledgeable person on this topic in Massachusetts.

SESSION #2: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Under Tent #1 – **“Talk with an Eastern Apiculture Society Master Beekeeper”** – Mary Duane will be available to talk beekeeping and answer questions about EAS, and the Master Beekeeping program.

Under Tent #2 – **“Using Products From NOD”** – Tom Nolan is a National Sales Manager for NOD and will demonstrate best management using Mite Away II, and other products form NOD.

MDAR Apiary – **Conducting Hive Inspections** – Ken Warhol – Worcester County Bee Inspector will demonstrate inspection and evaluation of hives.

Bee1– **“Swarm Prevention”** – Ori Ben-Shir will offer tips on ways to prevent swarming. Ori is a Massachusetts Bee inspector, and employee of Warm Colors Apiary.

Bee2 – **“Controlling Varroa Mites”** – Marty Jessel will provide instruction on best methods to control mites.

Bee3 – **“Introducing Queens Successfully”** – Dan Conlon / Warm Colors Apiary will suggest techniques for minimizing rejection of queens by a queen less colony.

Bee Garden Area **"Pollinator Plants"** – Jarod Fowler Xerces Representative will provide insights into planting for native pollinators.

Bee4 – **"Splitting Hives to Expand Your Apiary"** - Rick Church will demonstrate how to split colonies, to stop swarming & make increase in your number of hives. Rick is a member of the Monadnock Beekeepers Association in New Hampshire.

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

12:30 Smoker Contest – Ken Warhol, MDAR Bee Inspector, will judge the event – see Ken to enter the contest.

MBA Business meeting for County Presidents & Directors – Pete Delany / MBA President will announce time and location.

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

SESSION #3: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

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SESSION #4: 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Under Tent #1 – **“Meet the New Extension Educator”** – Hanna Whitehead will review the latest research and programs being conducted at UMASS and in state to provide education and improve pollinator health.

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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.