

MBA Annual Field Day
June 15, 2019 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
UMASS Agriculture Center
911 Pleasant St. Amherst

Hosted by the Massachusetts Beekeepers Association, the Franklin County Beekeepers Association, and the University of Massachusetts.

Vendor note: You can order from our participating vendors in advance and pickup at the Field Day event. This saves you the cost of shipping. Contact the vendor directly to place an order. The Massachusetts's Beekeepers Association & the Franklin County Bee Association thank participating vendors for their continued support of our Field Day event.

Friday June 14th - Vendors set up, Franklin County Bee Association set up.
3:00 – 5:00 PM.

6 – 8 PM Early arrivals & vendors meet for dinner @ Bubs BBQ, Sunderland, MA.
Informal dining – good food and beverages.

Saturday June 15th Field Day – 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

- Sessions will run for one hour, with time between to move to the next session.
- Locations will include: Two tent locations, five with two colonies of bees, and the MDAR bee yard (State Inspectors).
- The pollinator garden is also a location that can be used for nectar plant identification and related topics.

8-9AM Registration & Finish Setting up.

Coffee & fresh made pastry for sale – provided by **Red Fire North** – Montague, MA. This bakery uses honey for all their baked goods.

9:00 – 9:30 AM – Welcome & Announcements. Pete Delaney MBA President, Stephen Herbert UMASS. Announcements – check in with Pete if you have an announcement.

Session #1 9:30 – 10:30 AM

MDAR Apiary "Hive Inspections" - Ken Warhol Worcester County Seasonal Bee Inspector.

Tent #1 "NOD mite products" – Tom Nolan.

Tent #2 "State Survey Results – Hannah Whitehead.

Bees #1 "Inspections for New Beekeepers" – Mary Duane: EAS Master Beekeeper.
Bees #2 "Mushrooms and Bee Medicine" – Mel Gadd 2018 Massachusetts Beekeeper of the Year.
Bees #3 "Benefits of the Snelgrove Board" – Roland Sevigney.
Bees #4 "Swarm Control" – Pete Delaney President of MBA.
Bees #5 "The Russian Breeding Project" – Dan Conlon President of the Russian Honey Bee Breeders association.

Session #2 10:45 – 11:45 noon

MDAR Apiary "Hive Inspections" - Ken Warhol Worcester County Seasonal Bee Inspector.

Tent #1 "Identifying Pests & Disease" – Ed Karle EAS Master Beekeeper.

Tent #2 "Mite Testing" – Hannah Whitehead, Extension Specialist.

Bees #1 "Swarm Prevention" – Carin Zinter: EAS Master Beekeeper.

Bees #2 Summer Management – Jody Turner

Bees #3 "Making Hive Splits" – Rick Church Monadnock Beekeepers, NH.

Bees #4 "Nutrition & Feeding"- Alix Bartsch: EAS Master Beekeeper.

Bees #5 "Making Nucs" – Dan Conlon Warm Colors Apiary

Vendor Area – "Managing Slovenian Beehives" – Suzanne Broillette.

LUNCH 12:00 – 1:30 PM Served by John Welsh – pre-ordering required.
Those with special diets are encouraged to bring a lunch.

- The Smoker Contest will be started during the lunch break – Ken Warhol (Worcester County Beekeeper & Bee Inspector) will be judging the contest. See Ken to enter.
- Pete Delaney MBA President – will schedule a brief BOD meeting.

Session #3 1:30 – 2:30 PM

MDAR Apiary "Nosema" Bring your bee samples for evaluation. Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture Apiary Inspection Program.

Tent #1 "Making Candle Molds" – Chris Delaney Essex County.

Tent #2 "NOD mite products" – Tom Nolan.

Bees #1 "Inspections for New Beekeepers" – Mary Duane: EAS Master Beekeeper.

Bees #2 "Alternative Treatments for Honeybees" – Mel Gadd 2018 Beekeeper of the Year.

Bees #3 "Benefits of the Snelgrove Board" – Roland Sevigney.

Bees #4 "Nutrition & Feeding"- Alix Bartsch: EAS Master Beekeeper.

Bees #5 "Miller Method of Queen Rearing" – Rick Intres Vice President FCBA.

Pollinator Garden – "Planting for Pollinators" – Tom Sullivan.

Vendor Area – "Managing Slovenian Beehives" – Suzanne Broillette.

Session #4 2:45 – 3:45 PM

MDAR Apiary "Mite Testing & Treatment" Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture
Apiary Inspection Program.

Tent #1 "Queen-right or Not" – Ed Karle EAS Master Beekeeper.

Tent #2 "Benefits and Value of Hive Monitoring" - Daniel Cabrera of Solutionbee

Bees #1 "Swarm Prevention" – Carin Zinter: EAS Master Beekeeper.

Bees #2 "Planned Swarming" – Adam Novitt

Bees #3 "Making Hive Splits" – Rick Church Monadnock Beekeepers, NH.

Bees #4 "Moving Bees Safely" – Roger Reid & Dick Conner FCBA

Bees #5 "Grafting Queens" – Adam Conlon & Dan Conlon Warm Colors Apiary.

CLEANUP 4:00 – 5:00 PM. We appreciate and need volunteers packing up tents, tables and chairs. Please consider helping out. Field Day is among the few beekeeping events still free and inclusive of all beekeepers. It will remain free as long as we have volunteers willing to pitch in and contribute an hour of time to keep this event going.