

Bee Biosecurity Self-Evaluation Checklist

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Biosecurity practices	Self-evaluation Checklist				Notes
	Always/ frequently	Some- times	Never	N/A	
Bees are purchased/introduced from local, certified, and recognized suppliers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Introductions are inspected and assessed for the presence of pests – appropriate actions are taken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Introductions are placed in new or disinfected hives, and handled with clean and disinfected equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Records of bee and equipment movement are maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Clean water, sugar, pollen substitute, and treatments are provided to the bees as required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Measures are taken to avoid disturbances when bees are handled, transported, placed, and stored.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Direct and indirect exposure to pesticides is minimized through situational awareness and by monitoring bee health.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hive equipment is designed, used, and maintained to reduce exposure to pests.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Apiaries are placed and monitored to reduce exposure to wildlife and pests.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Management techniques are used to prevent robbing, drifting, and swarming.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Used equipment is purchased from local, trusted, and inspected suppliers who have biosecurity protocols; unfamiliar suppliers are investigated before buying used equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If swarms are captured, they are isolated and monitored for one year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Feeders and containers are new or disinfected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Dead bees are removed from feeders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Equipment, structures and hives are routinely inspected for the presence of pests and observations documented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Honey spills are cleaned up as soon as possible if applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dead or contaminated bees, bee products, and contaminated equipment are properly disposed of by burning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hands are routinely washed and thoroughly dried when working with bees and bee equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tools are cleaned and disinfected when moving between apiaries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Segregated storage areas are provided for: receiving bees; contaminated or suspect hives; hives from different apiaries (wintering facilities); or hives destined for pollinating crops in pest-free areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Transportation and operational equipment and surfaces are clean of debris and honey spills.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Employees are aware of and educated about your biosecurity protocols.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
You try to stay aware of new emerging diseases and good production practices by reading reputable industry material and participating in any available training and continuing education opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
You know who to contact if you see any symptoms of pests or diseases in your hives and would be diligent about doing so.					

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