

10 FARMING TIPS BEEKEEPING



★ **Know the applicable regulations** regarding beekeeping in your area. If you can't keep bees, consider planting a pollinator garden instead.

★ **Obtain bees locally** to avoid moving pests and diseases, and to ensure your bees are adapted to your environment.

★ **Choose a site** for your hive that receives morning sun and is protected from wind. Place hives on stands to protect from water and pests.

★ Ensure there are **adequate food sources** for honey bees by checking your neighborhood for forage and planting your own pollinator garden.

★ Provide a **water source** for your honey bees. During hot days, a hive may consume up to a gallon of water a day.

★ **Inspect your bees regularly** for colony health. Work from the back/top to the front/bottom. Keep good records of what you find.

★ **Wear personal protective equipment** when working with bees and have an **emergency plan** in place for accidental stings and injuries.

★ **Monitor for varroa mites.** If pesticide treatments are necessary, time applications correctly to increase effectiveness. Always follow the label.

★ Practice **integrated pest management** and correct **sanitation** to protect your honey bees and honey crop from contamination.

★ **Never stop learning!** Seek information from reputable sources to keep up-to-date on new techniques and emerging issues.