

Nucleus Honey Bee Hives for Sale (Blacksburg) 2017

I will have medium five-frame nucs for pickup from mid-April thru mid-July. They will contain two to three frames of brood, one to two of honey/pollen, one frame for expansion and, of course, the queen and bees. The queen will be an over-wintered 2016 queen or one hatched in 2017 that is laying a good brood pattern. Most queens will be marked. However, I cannot guarantee that all will be marked. I provide a waxed-cardboard nuc box for transport which is also temporary housing. You will need to transfer them to your own hive equipment. But, they can remain in the nuc box for a few days.

I can deliver, with no additional cost, to pick up points in Lynchburg and Roanoke or you may pick them up in Blacksburg. Delivery/pickup will be in order of the receipt of deposits. My bees are inspected by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

In the past ten years, I have used queens exclusively from some of the best lines in the country; New World Carniolan, Purvis Brothers, Dr. Joe Latshaw's Aurea, Honey Bee Genetics, Pol-line Hygienic, Minnesota Hygienic, Harbo Bee Co. and VP Queen Bees lines. Google any of those lines to learn more. The queens in the nucs will have genes from these lines. The predominant genetics of my current stock is Pol-line Hygienic.

Nucs are a better way to start new hives than package bees since a nuc hive is functioning with brood hatching, a laying queen, drawn comb, and honey/pollen stores. Nucs are increasing in size the day they are installed. In contrast, packages do not hatch new bees until about 24 days after they are installed, which means they are declining in size until that point. When fed properly, hives started from nucs as late as July 15 will grow to full-sized hives before winter starts and make surplus honey the following spring.

Medium-frame nucs can be used to start either medium or deep frame hives. If you want to install them in deep boxes, first put them in a medium box. Then when they need a new box, put a deep box on top and when it is occupied with brood/honey move the deep to the bottom.

Price depends on the number of nucs you buy and the month you want to pick up the nuc(s).

1 nuc April: \$175.00 May: \$165.00 June: \$160.00

2-10 nucs April: \$170.00 May: \$160.00 June: \$155.00

11+ nucs April: \$160.00 May: \$150.00 June: \$145.00

To reserve a nuc(s), please send a deposit of \$25 per nuc to:

James Hicks
707 Somerset Place
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Alternatively, you may send the deposit via Paypal to johicksjr@gmail.com

To facilitate communication, you must also e-mail me at johicksjr@gmail.com telling me how many nucs you have ordered, what month you want them, your name, address and cell phone number.