

New Beekeeper Preparation Checklist

- Make sure you have the time to invest and are dedicated to educating yourself on the subject. It's not rocket science, but it does take a fair bit of time & effort to be a responsible beekeeper.
- Scout a suitable location for your hives. Detailed suggestions to be found in the "Educational Materials".
- Register that bee yard (aka "apiary") with the state of Arkansas. More info to be found in "Arkansas Laws"
- Obtain all the hardware, clothing, and gear you'll need on day 1. Suggestions in "Educational Materials".
- Obtain your bees. You can either purchase a Nucleus Colony (aka "Nuc") or Package of bees, or set out swarm traps in hopes of catching some in the wild. You can ask around at the club meeting about any local bees for sale, or you might look on the local beekeeping Facebook groups.
- Continue your education and be a good steward to your bees by utilizing the Mentor Program offered by NWA Beekeepers Association. That along with any other educational resources that suit your style will help you be as successful as possible.