

Beekeeping FAQ

- **What types of bees do you keep?**

We keep and sell European honeybees (*Apis mellifera*) as they are well adapted to our local climate and are known for their exceptional pollinating, laying and production abilities, and their peaceful temperament makes them a joy to work with.

Our beautiful Italian queens are newly-mated and marked, ready to lead your hive to honey-making success.

- **How do you ensure the health and well-being of your bees?**

We regularly inspect our colonies for signs of disease or pest infestation, provide proper nutrition, and keep the hives in good condition to ensure the health and well-being of our bees.

- **What are the benefits of having bees on our property?**

- Having bees on your property can help pollinate your plants, vegetables and fruit trees, increase crop yields, and provide a source of honey.

- **How often do you check on the bees and perform maintenance?**

- We check on the bees at least once every 7-10 days during the active season, and perform regular maintenance such as hive inspections, honey harvesting, and pest control, to ensure optimal hive health.

- **How much honey can we expect to harvest from our bees?**

The amount of honey that can be harvested depends on factors such as the size of the colony and the availability of nectar sources. On average, a healthy colony can produce around 100-150kg of honey per year.

- **How do you handle swarms or aggressive bees?**

We use established beekeeping techniques to safely and humanely handle swarms or aggressive bees. Aggressive hives can be re-queened to create a more placid hive.

- **Can you provide education and training for our family and staff on beekeeping?**

Yes, we offer education and training on beekeeping for families and staff to help them understand the importance of bees and how to care for them. [Read more about our Beekeeper Basics Training here.](#)

- **What equipment and supplies do we need to start and maintain a bee colony?**

To start and maintain a bee colony, you will need basic equipment such as a hive, protective gear, and tools for hive maintenance, and of course, you'll be needing bees.

We offer a range of options from a nucleus hive to our Complete Beekeeping Hive Starter Kit that includes everything you need to get started, including private Beekeeper Basics Training. [Check out the options available here.](#)

- **How can we support the local bee population and protect them from pesticides?**

You can support the local bee population by planting a diverse range of flowers (especially natives), avoiding the use of pesticides, and supporting sustainable beekeeping practices. Providing a clean source of water, with rocks or similar will ensure local bees can safely drink without fear of drowning.