

RECOMMENDED BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT LIST

MR. NICHOLS'S PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY: NOT OFFICIALLY ENDORSED BY ANY AGENCY
WOODENWARE BELOW IS FOR ONE COLONY, BUT TWO OR MORE COLONIES ARE RECOMMENDED

LANDSCAPE FABRIC	PLACE THIS UNDER HIVE STAND TO KEEP DOWN WEEDS
MULCH	KEEPS DOWN WEED GROWTH OBSTRUCTING HIVE ENTRANCE
HIVE STAND	(2) 8 X 8 X 16 LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE BLOCKS OR IMPROVISE
BOTTOM BOARD	SOLID BOTTOM BOARD SIZE TO MATCH HIVE BODY (8-FRAME, 10-FRAME)
ENTRANCE REDUCER	MATCH HIVE BODY WIDTH
DEEP HB (BUY TWO)	YOU'LL WANT AT LEAST TWO, EVEN IF YOU USE A SINGLE 10-FRAME DEEP FOR A BROOD BOX (ALLOWS BETTER HIVE MANAGEMENT)
MEDIUM HB	PURCHASE WHEN NEEDED AS COLONY GROWS
FEEDER SHIM	MATCH HIVE BODY WIDTH
INNER COVER	
TELESCOPING OUTER COVER	RECOMMEND FLAT VS GARDEN HIVE STYLE
WOOD FRAMES WITH WAXED PLASTIC FOUNDATION	RECOMMEND BLACK, WAXED PLASTIC FOUNDATION FOR BROOD FRAMES. ADD EXTRA WAX TO STIMULATE COMB BUILDING
MITE CHECK TOOL	EASY-CHECK (BRAND NAME) MITE CHECK TOOL, OR EQUIVALENT
FEEDER	DIVISION-BOARD FEEDER (OR OTHER PREFERENCE)
WATER SOURCE	GET CREATIVE
HIVE TOOL X 2	RECOMMEND KENT WILLIAMS TYPE
SMOKER	STAINLESS STEEL, WIRE GUARDED, RING PULL ON TOP
BEE BRUSH, FRAME RACK, MISTER, RECORD KEEPING	IMPROVISED FRAME RACK - SCREW 3" WOOD SCREWS ¾" INTO TOP ENDS OF BOTTOM HIVE BODY'S LONG SIDE
BEE SUIT	FILL BODY, VENTED, FENCING HOOD, PLASTIC ZIPPER WITH METAL PULL. TRY ON BEFORE BUYING TO ASSURE COMFORTABLE FIT
GLOVES	GOATSKIN, TIGHT FIT WITH VENTED, SHORT GAUNTLETS
BOOTS	INEXPENSIVE MOLDED PLASTIC FROM FARM SUPPLY STORE