

BEEKEEPER/APIARY REGISTRATION

Section 29040 of the California Food and Agricultural Code states, in part:

“Every person that is the owner, broker, or is in possession of an apiary that is located within the state, on the first day of January of each year, shall register the number of colonies in each apiary ...”

Section 29043 states in part:

“Registration of an apiary shall be filed with the commissioner of the county in which the apiary is located ...”

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Important Information: No registration fees will be collected until the new fee schedule is finalized in regulation. Absence of a registration fee does not impact the beekeeper’s requirement to register.

Registration for 2025 begins on December 1, 2024. The Apiary Registration Form must be filled out completely and returned by **January 1, 2025, or when your apiary first enters Los Angeles County.**

The following information must be provided in the 2025 Annual Apiary Registration Application (Registrations with incomplete or missing forms will not be processed):

- 1. Colony Locations:**
Provide details of colony (apiary) placements for mapping purposes.
For Urban (City) Placements: Provide a full address or Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN).
For Rural Apiaries: A location description with GPS Coordinates is required.
Example: Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. & Foothill Blvd. - 34.2356, -118.2453
- 2. Months on Site:** Indicate which months of the year the hives will be on site (e.g. Oct-Dec).
- 3. Crop Report Information:** Please note that Crop Report Statistics reflect previous year figures.
- 4. Apiary Agreement** Provide a signed agreement with the property owner if the apiary is on property not owned or leased by you.

Please mail completed application to:

Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures
12300 Lower Azusa Road
Arcadia, CA 91006

Live Bee Removal:

If you intend to perform live bee removals and/or swarm pick-up and would like to be contacted by the public for your services, please indicate so on the back of the registration form. It is estimated that 80% of feral bees are Africanized, it is important that such colonies be destroyed if deemed aggressive or re-queened immediately for public safety. *Live bee removal does not require possession of a State Pest Control Business License.*

Bee Removal Using Pesticides:

For activities involving any use of pesticides, you must possess a valid State Pest Control Business (PCB) License. The type(s) of required license(s) is determined by the site where the bees are located. Please call our office at (626) 575-5466 for information about obtaining an appropriate license

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BEE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

Receiving Hives from Out of State

Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) Quarantine is unchanged. Bees and/or bee equipment entering California are issued a "Quarantine Warning Hold Notice" at a port-of-entry inspection station. Upon destination arrival, you must call for inspection by the County Agricultural Commissioner. *No charges apply for inspections of incoming shipments.*

Moving Bees to Another State

Prior to exiting California, you may need to obtain a RIFA Quarantine Compliance Certificate (Fee based on number of colonies in shipment). *If you need this service, please call our Quarantine Division at (562) 622-0426.*

ZONING AND CITY ORDINANCES

To determine if a City has ordinances or zoning restrictions regarding keeping bees, please contact the respective City Land Use or Zoning Code Enforcement departments. Some Cities (e.g., Burbank, Glendale, Los Angeles, etc.), have zoning codes and maps displayed on their websites. *Registration may not be granted if ordinance or zoning restrictions exists.*

LAND AGREEMENT

Apiaries located on land which the beekeeper does not own, shall furnish a written agreement between the beekeeper and landowner, or government entity which controls the land, upon the request of the commissioner. The agreement shall include the name and phone number of the person granting the approval. *Registration may not be granted if a written agreement cannot be provided.*

NOTIFICATION

Apiary operators are required to notify the commissioner when apiaries are moved into the county, moved within the county, and moved outside of the county within 72 hours of the movement.

CERTIFIED PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATE (CPC)

- Beekeepers who intend to sell their honey products at California Certified Farmers' Markets are required to possess a current and valid Certified Producer's Certificate (CPC).
- Prior to certification as a Certified Producer, a beekeeper must register his/her apiary with the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner Apiary Program by calling (626) 459-8894.
- To obtain a CPC, please contact our Direct Marketing Division at (562) 622-0426.

BACKYARD BEEKEEPING REMINDERS

All municipalities have nuisance ordinances, even in areas that allow beekeeping. If you intend to keep hive boxes within any city limits, it is important to follow these suggestions in order to comply with the municipal nuisance ordinances:

- **Check Zoning Ordinances.**
 - Make sure your city allows beekeeping.
- **Provide a sufficient water source.**
- **Encourage hive bees to fly up.**
 - Devise a structure around hives to encourage bees to fly above eye level (8-10 feet).
- **Distance from public areas (roads, parks, schools, etc.)**
 - Bees may sting unsuspecting people as far as 100 feet or more from the hive.
- **Re-queen the hive with known genetics.**
 - Re-queening with temperate queens will help prevent aggressiveness.
- **Be sensitive to your neighbors.**
 - Keep hive boxes as far away and hidden from neighboring properties as much as possible.

Common courtesy can be sweeter than honey!

If you have any questions or require additional guidance or information, please contact us as follows:

Inspector Sunny Thompson: (626) 459-8894

Inspector Juan Moreno: (626) 459-8895

2025 ANNUAL APIARY REGISTRATION

In accordance with Section 29043 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, you are required to register your apiary with the Agricultural Commissioner of the county in which your bees are kept. **Persons registering their apiary for 2025 must do so before December 31, 2024, or when your apiary first enters the county.** Migratory beekeepers should list specific months of activity in the county.

Important Information

The Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) Section 29044 was recently amended via legislation requiring an associated registration fee to be identified in regulation. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is actively working with the Apiary Advisory Board to establish a proposed fee schedule for apiary registration, but no finalized regulation has yet been adopted. There will be no registration fees collected until the schedule has been finalized in regulation. Absence of a registration fee does not impact the beekeeper's requirement to register with the county.

Owner Information

Name		Brand No.	
Mailing Address		City	State Zip Code
Telephone Number	Beekeeper I.D. Number	E-mail Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> I no longer have bees in the county.		<input type="checkbox"/> I sold my bees. Please give new owner information	
Comments:		Name:	
		Address:	
		Telephone:	

Colony Location *Be sure to include location details as indicated.*

*Urban sites: Full Address or Parcel Number.
 Rural sites: Location Description plus GPS Long/Lat Coordinates (e.g. -LaTuna Cnyn Rd & 210 Fwy, Los Angeles, 34.2345,-118.3053).
 Months on Site: If hives are on site all year (e.g. Jan-Dec); If hives are moved and are on site in the Fall only (e.g. Sept-Nov).*

# of Colonies	Location of Apiaries in this County Address/Description with GPS Coordinates	Months on Site	Property Status*
			<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Other

***For property locations that are not owned, a written agreement from the property owner shall be provided.**

Crop Reporting Statistics *Please report honey, wax, and pollination figures for 2024 from LA County only.*

Crop	Quantity (Lb)	Price per Lb	Comments
Honey			
Wax			
Number of Colonies		Price per Colony	Comments
Pollination for Hire			

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Registered Beekeeper can update information and manage the apiary location at BeeWhere.calagpermits.org.

Mail completed application to:

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Arcadia, CA 91006-5872

REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

I request to be notified before pesticide applications as provided for in Section 29101 of the California Food and Agricultural Code and Title 3 California Administrative Code Section 6654.

I am available for notification during a two-hour time period, (indicate hours here) _____ to _____, Monday through Friday by collect call to the following phone numbers:

Telephone Number #1	
Telephone Number #2	

I understand that if I fail to submit my request for pesticide notification to the Agricultural Commissioner **by mail within the 72-hour period** before relocating, I may not be entitled to recover damages for any injury from pest control operations. I also will not recover damages if I fail to properly post an identification sign at my apiaries or am not available for notification at the hours and phone numbers I have designated above. I understand that this "REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION" will expire December 31, 2025.

Beekeeper Signature

Date

Agricultural Commissioner/Representative

Date

Date Received: _____

LIVE BEE REMOVAL - MY CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC USE

I am licensed to do Structural Bee Removals.

	License No.
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Geographic area serviced: _____

I currently perform only Live Bee Removals.

Geographic area serviced: _____

Please indicate what is done with the captured swarms here. _____



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**Department of
Agricultural Commissioner/
Weights and Measures**



Kurt E. Floren
Agricultural Commissioner
Director of Weights and Measures

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Arcadia, CA 91006-5872
<https://acwm.lacounty.gov>

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Chief Deputy

APIARY OWNER AND PROPERTY OWNER AGREEMENT

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures requires this agreement to be completed pursuant to the **Food and Agricultural Code Section 29046(b)**, which states, “No person shall locate or maintain an apiary on private land not owned or leased by the person unless the person has approval from the owner of record, or an authorized agent of the owner of record, and can establish approval upon demand of the secretary or commissioner. The approval shall include the name and phone number of the person granting approval.”

Agreement for apiary use of the property located at: _____

Length of time the apiary will be on the property: _____

Number of colonies on the property: _____

In the event of an emergency, please contact the beekeeper at: _____

Correspondence shall be sent to this mailing address: _____

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Phone Number: _____

Property Owner Mailing Address: _____

Property Owner Email Address: _____

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Beekeeper Name: _____

Beekeeper Phone Number: _____

Beekeeper Mailing Address: _____

Beekeeper Email Address: _____

Beekeeper Signature: _____ Date: _____