



STATE OF ALABAMA

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PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION

BEEKEEPER COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

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AGREEMENT NUMBER

Form with fields for (NAME), (ADDRESS), and APIARY (IES) LOCATION BY COUNTIES.

I/we agree to follow the Best Management Practices for maintaining European Honey Bee Colonies to minimize the threat of Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) in the state of Alabama, I further agree to participate in the dilution process of any feral AHB populations that may become established in Alabama, by maintaining gentle managed honey bee colonies that are vital to this effort.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MAINTAINING EUROPEAN HONEY BEE COLONIES

- 1. Beekeepers will maintain a valid registration with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries/Division of Plant Industry, and be current with any and all inspection fees.
2. An Alabama apiary may be deemed as EHB (European Honey Bee) with a minimum 10% random survey of colonies using the FABIS (Fast African Bee Identification System) and/or the computer-assisted morphometric procedure, i.e. Universal system for the detection of Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) (USDA-ID), or other approved methods by FDACS on a yearly basis or as requested.
3. Honey bee colony divisions or spits should be queened with production queens or queen cells from EHB breeder queens following Alabama's Best Management Practices.
4. Alabama beekeepers are discouraged from collecting swarms that cannot be immediately re-queened from EHB queen producers.
5. Alabama Beekeepers should practice good swarm prevention techniques to prevent an abundance of virgin queens and their ready mating with available AHB drones that carry the defensive trait.
6. Maintain all EHB colonies in a strong, healthy, populous condition to discourage usurpation (take over) swarms of AHB.
7. Do not allow any weak or empty colonies to exist in an Apiary, as they may be attractive to AHB swarms.
8. Recommend re-queening with European stock every six months unless using marked or clipped queens and having in possessions a bill or sale from an EHB Queen Producer.
9. Immediately re-queen with a European Queen if previously installed clipped or marked queen is found missing.
10. Maintain one European drone source (250 square inches of drone comb) for every 10 colonies in order to reduce supersedure queens mating with AHB drones.
11. To protect public safety and reduce beekeeping liability do not site apiaries in proximity of tethered or confirmed animals, students, the elderly, general public, interactives with these groups may have a higher likelihood of occurring.
12. Treat all honey bees with respect.

THE AFFIXING OF THE SIGNATURES BELOW WILL VALIDATE THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL CANCELED OR RENEWED, BUT MAY BE REVISED AS NECESSARY OR REVOKED FOR NONCOMPLIANCE. ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THIS COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT ARE SUPERSEDED AND RENDERED OBSOLETE BY THIS DOCUMENT.

Signature, Title, Date, Official Name, Official Address, Official Title, Official Signature fields.