



# WE HAVE HONEY BEES!



## Ever thought about becoming a beekeeper?

Now is the perfect time to get started! Beekeeping is a hobby almost anyone can enjoy! And we're here to help! We have the know-how and everything you need to succeed!

Order your bees today! Place your order at any one of our Blain's Farm and Fleet locations, or at [farmandfleet.com](http://farmandfleet.com) by February 28, 2017 for a special Bee Days pickup on April 29th.

See what all the buzz is about...  
**BECOME A BEEKEEPER!**

## You can pick up your bees at these 7 stores:

### Janesville, WI

2421 Old Humes Road,  
Highway 14  
Janesville, WI 53547  
Phone (608) 752-6377

### La Crosse, WI

9438 US Hwy 16  
Onalaska, WI 54650  
Phone (608) 781-3130

### Chippewa Falls, WI

2583 S. Prairie View Road  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
Phone (715) 723-1806

### Rice Lake, WI

2011 S. Main Street  
Rice Lake, WI 54868  
Phone (715) 234-7092

### Dubuque, IA

2675 Northwest Aterial  
Dubuque, IA 52002  
Phone (563) 556-3162

### Morton, IL

180 So. Detroit Ave.  
Morton, IL 61550  
Phone (309) 263-0232

### Woodstock, IL

11501 Route 14  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
Phone (815) 338-2549

\*Illinois and Iowa customers can choose to pick up their bees in store or have them shipped directly to their local post office for pickup.

## Save Now and Save Later!

Take 20% off your beekeeping supplies now, and 20% off later!






**BEE Prepared!**  
**SAVE 20%**  
on the supplies you need to get ready for the upcoming bee season!



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Valid only January 21, 2017

Coupon must be used toward the purchase of Beekeeping Supplies, excludes live bees

Coupon only valid at  
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on supplies to keep your hive buzzing!



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# BEE PREPARED!



## Thinking about keeping bees? It might be simpler than you think!

The world that bees create inside of their hives is largely self-sufficient, requiring monitoring more than intervention, and requiring not much more time and effort than a garden.

Plus, honey is delicious! A single hive can produce up to 100 pounds of honey in a year. And backyard beekeeping is great for the bees, and us humans, too! Berries, apples, almonds, and cucumbers are just a few of the delicious foods that are pollinated by bees.

### A few helpful tips to get you ready to bring home your bees this spring.

#### **PURCHASING THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR THE JOB**

Now is the perfect time to purchase all the beekeeping supplies you'll need to maintain your hive.

**Essentials:** Hive, hive tool, smoker, veil, gloves feeder

**Recommended:** Bee brush, bee suit, queen excluder, frame grip, smoker fuel, additional supers for your hive to expand and store more honey

#### **PREPPING YOUR APIARY**

**Painting your hive:** Long before you bring home the bees, you'll want to get the exterior of your hive painted. You can paint it plain white or any rainbow of colors and designs. Avoid darker colors like black or navy as they'll trap more heat in the sunny summer months.

**Location, location, location:** You'll also want to find just the right spot, and set up your hive. You may even want to leave it there for a few weeks so you can determine if there will be any problems, like branches that get in your way when you visit your hive, or if it's in a high-traffic area in your yard.

**Practice makes perfect:** If you're new to beekeeping, you might want to practice working with your hive and smoker while it's still empty, so you're more confident later.

**Food:** Before you pick up your bees, you should have a simple sugar syrup made (1 part water, 1 part white sugar) to feed your bees as they get established in their new home.

**"Installing" - the cool name for getting your bees into their new home:** After you've picked up your bees and brought them home, you'll want to load them into your hive, weather permitting. Late afternoon is probably the best time to install bees. The bees will know it is about time to settle in for the evening and they're more likely to stay if installed later in the day. If you can't install them that day, keep them in a cool (but not cold), dark environment to keep them calm.

**Need help?** Your local beekeepers are more than happy to assist a new beekeeper! To find your local beekeepers' association, visit [www.beeeculture.com/content/StateApiaristDirectory](http://www.beeeculture.com/content/StateApiaristDirectory)



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