

# The Bee Cause

## It All Started with a Drop of Honey

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Next Virtual Meeting  
 May 11, 2021  
 7:30PM (2 Hours)  
 Zoom Link TBA  
 Speaker: **Ron Miksha**  
 Topic: **The Nature of Honey**

**Melissa's Musing**  
*Sometimes the smallest thing when left alone, will grow into a big problem. Here's a cautionary tale from Thailand.*

Once upon a time, a queen and her chief advisor were sitting on the balcony overlooking the great beautiful city that they ruled, and they were eating rice crackers dipped in honey. And as the queen picked up a cracker, a drop of that honey fell to the pavement below.  
 "My Queen, you have spilled a drop of honey," observed the advisor. "Shall I call a servant to come and clean it up?"

But the queen laughed, "A little drop of honey is not my problem. Someone will clean it later."

A little later on the advisor leaned over the balcony and looked down.

"Your Highness, that drop of honey is attracting flies. Shouldn't we call a servant to come and clean it up?"

But again the queen replied, "A little drop of honey and a few flies are not my

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problem. Someone will deal with it later."

Soon a lizard darted out from underneath the palace wall and began to catch the flies on her tongue. Then a cat sprang from the baker's shop and began to bat the lizard back and forth like a toy. Just then a dog charged out from the butcher's shop and began to bite the cat on the neck.

"Your Highness," the advisor implored, "now the flies have attracted a lizard,

### IT ALL STARTED WITH A DROP OF HONEY (CONTINUED)

which attracted a cat, which is now being attacked by a dog. Shouldn't we call someone to stop the fight?"

But the Queen only stretched, and shook her head at her advisor, "Won't you relax. A silly animal fight is not my problem. Someone will surely see to it."

The owner of the dog and the owner of the cat noticed what was going on, and they began to shout at each other, and they came to blows.

"Your Majesty," said the advisor, "there are people fighting in the streets! We must go and stop this!"

"No no no," said the queen. "It's not our problem."

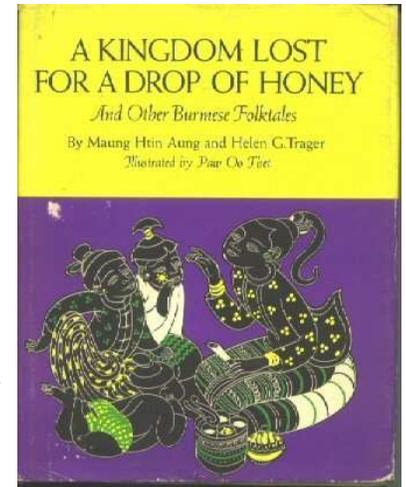
The two people fighting became many more people fighting, as others joined in the

fray. And the queen looked down and suddenly the whole street below had erupted into what looked like a giant street fight!

Then some soldiers came along, but some knew the butcher and some knew the baker. So the soldiers, too, took sides and the battle grew. It grew and grew until a great battle waged in the streets. People were throwing rocks through windows and tipping over the vendor carts.

Someone picked up a torch from the wall and hurled it through a window. Fire raged, and eventually it spread to the palace.

The next thing they knew, the queen and her advisor were being escorted down a ladder from the balcony into the street



below because the palace itself was in flames.

Later that day when the fire had died out, the queen and her advisor surveyed the ruins of their land. Suddenly the queen stopped in the street underneath where her balcony had been. She reached down and touched something in a small puddle on the ground. "It's honey," she said, remembering. "I guess I should have had that drop of honey cleaned up in the first place. Now, my whole kingdom has been lost because of it." □

## President's Message—Spring!

Not the best of springs, but it's the one we get so making the most of it makes sense.

I get three prominent questions this time of year: Unwrapping, Feeding, and pollen supplements.

When you take a look at the trending weather in 14 day periods the flux between daytime highs and night time lows can be pretty extreme. There is no big hurry to unwrap. I'm not sure what compels the desire to do so, but I've never seen bees overheat and perish in the spring. That winter wrap however provides a good cushion between those swinging temperatures, and really benefits brood rearing.

Chilled brood is not joke. Brood take up resources and time your colony does not have just to cannibalize and start from over. The race to replace population must be won, or succumbing to

spring dwindling is likely so leave the wraps on! That extra R-value makes a big difference in population growth. Are wraps inconvenient and in the way when doing spring checks? Figure out a better method or different materials for next fall. Shooting yourself in the foot by pulling them off before late May is an unforgiving strategy.

Feeding can also be a life or death intervention, but over feeding is an issue as well. Don't overdo it to the point where adequate laying space becomes compromised. If your single is over 50 pounds, throttle back a bit. They are gluttons, and the instinct to horde resources is significant. Congested laying areas slow build up, and affect the season's overall performance.

Pollen patties: To feed or not to feed? At the moment there is

enough natural sources where this question is redundant. However in late February, March, and April it is an option. Knowing your plan for this season is key to answering the question, as is awareness of the resources they went into winter with. If the fall was pollen poor, then pollen supplement may be important.

Otherwise, if you are not intending to make splits, make nucs, and expand your apiary you may not need to feed pollen. The availability of a pollen source stimulates egg laying. This then increases consumption of stored honey and starts the population to climb. Do you need as many more new bees as soon as possible? Also, can your yard space, equipment inventory, and available time support more bees? Don't cause problem for yourself down the road. Catching your

own swarms isn't as much fun as it sounds, especially when they choose the most inconvenient times and places.

Don't forget about water! Bees can collect as much water as nectar some days and this spring has been very dry, and water is necessary to help liquefy crystalized honey in the colony. Bees will waste calories and time seeking out a water source if you have not provided anything convenient. Where your hives are located is your problem. Don't make it theirs. Hobbyists should have water sources convenient as not to cause a hassle for your neighbors. I have four calls already about bees in water bowls, water troughs, and hot tubs, and it isn't even the middle of May! Be a responsible beekeeper, and keep your ladies hydrated.

Keep well, and I'll see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

*John Russell*

## Ron Miksha, Guest Lecturer for May 11th

Ron Miksha was born and raised on a farm near Pittsburgh, PA and began beekeeping not too long after he learned to walk. At the age of 16, as soon as he got his driver's licence, his parents handed over 300 colonies of bees and let him get on with it. With a few years of experience under his belt, he moved to Florida to raise queens and also found time to be a radio DJ. In Florida, a beekeeper talked Ron into buying 400 hives in southwest Saskatchewan - no money down!

Ron moved to south of Swift Current where he grew those 400 hives to a thousand, rearing queens and providing pollination services in Canada and the US. The severe droughts in the late 80s necessitated a shift on his career path, and sent him to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, where, while still managing 350 hives, he studied Geophysics, graduated, and moved

to Calgary to join the oil industry.

Once a beekeeper, always a beekeeper, so eventually he returned to the bees, maintaining backyard colonies while also running a seismic vectorising service.

Not content with the level of knowledge already stored in his head, Ron has returned to University to do a MSc in Bee Ecology at the U of Calgary, examining the interaction of honey bees and native bees.



**Mid-April pollen flow at just 14 degrees, but sunny. Notice baskets are small, but the variety of colours means a good nutritional mix. (Photo by Ron Miksha)**

RON MIKSHA, GUEST LECTURER FOR MAY 11TH

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He maintains an active Facebook group, an active blog page, a twitter account, writes thought-provoking blogs, stories and essays, does some teaching at the University, processes data, works on his master's thesis projects, keeps bees, rears queens, enjoys his family and somehow still finds time to eat and sleep.

Ron has written for the *British Bee Quarterly*, *American Bee Journal*, *Bee Culture*, BC's *BeeScene*, and the Canadian Honey Council's *Hivelights*. He is author of the popular books *Bad Beekeeping* and *Mountain Mystery* (a geological study of mountains) the blog *badbeekeepingblog.com*, and he maintains the Bad Beekeeping Facebook group. A past president of the Calgary and District Beekeepers' Association, Ron is a director of the Western Apicultural Society and the United Beekeepers of Alberta Council.

Ron's presentation is one of his favourite topics and should hit our collective sweet spot. He describes it as follows:

### The Nature of Honey

Want to avoid granulation, keep honey pure and natural, and maybe make creamed honey? Are you being honest when you tell your customers that honey is healthy? Too many beekeepers don't know much about honey, though it's their main product. In **The Nature of Honey**, we will explore a bit of the science behind honey, the types of sugar in it, and lots of practical advice on keeping it pure and natural.

We talk lots about bees, but not so much about honey; this presentation will appeal to every beekeeper, so please be sure to attend. □

## New RRAA Website

The Red River Apiarists' Association has a new website! This spring has been busy on the development of a new internet presence for the RRAA organization. In addition to a new look and feel there is some new functionality built into the site as well. Much of this new functionality involves redesigned workflows and new software integration to help the executive manage some of tasks they frequently perform to administer to the functions of the club.

There are also new features that will be noticeable to you and you will begin to see these soon, if you have not already. General information distributions, newsletter publications and even meeting invites will look slightly different. They will still arrive in your email inbox but much of it, such as the newsletters, will now be linked back to the website. This centralizes much of our files and information and makes it more efficient to distribute. For everyone,

the information will always be available and retrievable making it more convenient for all.

Below, is a brief description of some of the other new features:

- A shorter more descriptive domain name – [www.rraa.ca](http://www.rraa.ca)
- Single point of contact email address - [contact@rraa.ca](mailto:contact@rraa.ca)
- Archive repository for historical The Bee Cause Newsletter editions
- Online membership application form
- Integrated membership data for club information, newsletters and contacts.

A special thank you goes out to Dave Lee, Ken Rowes & Jim Campbell who have been instrumental in the creation of this site and the archival content contained in it. This would not have happened without their input and expertise.

We hope you enjoy the new website. Cheers!

*Duane Versluis*

## About the RRAA and You!

### About RRAA

The Red River Apiarists' Association, formed in 1963, represents the beekeepers of the Red River Valley and environs in southern Manitoba. The association provides a forum for the promotion of sound beekeeping practices through education, networking opportunities, meetings, field days, workshops, presentations by local apicultural experts, as well as a subscription to this newsletter.



### EDITOR'S NOTE

QR readers are apps that make it easy to load URLs from the printed page or screen. Look for QR readers in your favourite app store on your phone.

### The RRAA and the BeeCause for and by you.

The BeeCause is the official publication of the Red River Apiarists' Association for distribution to its members and their colleagues in the beekeeping industry. It is published eight times a year on a monthly basis, January to May and September to November when membership meetings occur.

Articles can be best submitted in Word document by email attachments. Though they may be edited for spelling and basic grammar, no changes will be made to their content, message and opinions without the author's written and expressed consent. They are those of their originator and not of the Red River Apiarists' Association.

Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is the second Sunday preceding the membership meeting to allow for publishing and mailing delays and the legal obligation to allow membership to review last meetings' minutes for errors or omissions before next meeting.

Regular membership meetings are normally scheduled 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the Elmwood Legion 920 Nairn Avenue in Winnipeg except months noted above. Physical meetings have been suspended due to Covid-19, and will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. Webinars will take place in their stead.

## YOU ARE AWESOME!!!

### What makes a great association greater?

*Involvement and contribution!*

*When everyone does one small task for one hour a month to help the RRAA then we all benefit.*

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

*Mentoring a novice beekeeper, join a RRAA committee, submit an article or a book review for the newsletter, share experiences and advice with new beekeepers in novice webinars, network with novices to source Manitoba bred bees, equipment demonstration, and teach a class!*

## TALK TO AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS

*Call 204-612-2337 to lend a hand.*

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# The BeeCause CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Have you come across an interesting article?

Would you like to share an observation?

Care to share an anecdote or an observation from your own beekeeping experiences?

Do you have an opinion you want to voice to the beekeeping community?

Seen a video you found informative or would like a topic researched?

You want to take part in RRAA food for thought?

Or do you just want to plain advertise?

Answer the call.

**Send submissions to:**  
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[www.facebook.com/RRAAManitoba/](https://www.facebook.com/RRAAManitoba/)

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCgrWfdXTaArPFyCZdRdOv1A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgrWfdXTaArPFyCZdRdOv1A)

## RRAA Standing Committees

Taken from the RRAA by-laws:

### 5. Committees

Appointed standing committees may include: Program, Social, Honey Sales Promotion, Library, Newsletter, or other committees as required by the Executive Committee.

Current Committees:

- Education Committee
- By-Law Committee

On Hiatus due to Covid-19:

- Honey Show Committee
- Social Committee

## Manitoba Raised Bees

The RRAA has many members who raise queens and sell bees. Keep these numbers handy for your next seasons plans. Book early for a happier spring!

Rod McCulloch 204-803-7437

Waldemar Damert 204-266-2276

Border Hills Honey 204-362-9364

Westman Honey Bees 204-728-9129

Rob Young 204-612-4834

To be included on this list

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## **RRAA Bylaw review 2021**

### **RRAA Bylaws updated in 2021**

#### **By Jim Campbell, Committee member**

A committee was struck to review RRAA bylaws to incorporate changes created by Manitoba Health Emergency regulations dealing with Covid-19 pandemic.

A committee of nine RRAA members with diverse experience and background met virtually on March 23, 2021 to begin aligning bylaws to current operating methods and priorities. John Russell alluded to this on page 4 of April BeeCause. Ironically, one year ago on March 23, 2020 classroom instruction was suspended for two weeks and gatherings, such as RRAA meetings were restricted in size as COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 impacted all groups. During 2020-2021, priorities changed as Honey Show events were paused while a new executive position was created plus leadership training was desired.

Manitoba State of Emergency Health regulations limited size for face-to-face in person gatherings, thus RRAA Executive determined meeting virtually would support connecting and educating members. Gatherings using an internet based platform provided by “Zoom” began with an educational session on April 14, 2020, leading to the first general meeting September 15, 2020. During 2020-2021 many groups used internet sessions and developed bylaw wording to accommodate virtual meetings. Since our last bylaw update was in 2009, permitting virtual meetings is proposed for this update (para. 6(g)).

As technology evolved, RRAA developed an improved look to its web site. As this was being designed, a Communications Director position arose and bylaw committee members deemed it critical as an executive position. The position is a revision- addition to the bylaws (paragraph 3(i)). The re-designed web site was rolled out May 1, 2021. Similarly the Secretary position is more clearly defined to “keeping orderly minutes” as some previous functions are no longer valid through use of email communication (para. 3(e)).

A third addition relates to a desire to formalize leadership sharing within the Executive Committee. As part of this, job functions for First and Second Vice Presidents simply meant reversing the order of bylaw text, whereas a now line was added regarding delegating some duties to the President role. The text for sharing President duties with other officers is being proposed (para. 3(b)).

Other proposals reflect operational items such as deleting “sales at Honey Show” and replacing with “sales at public events”; deleting reference to “discounts on bee etc.” and updating with reference to providing “a network for buying and selling etc.” (1(c)(iv and v)). Several other minor changes are proposed such as consistent capital letter use for AGM, General Meeting, Executive, and Officers.

Presently a Bylaw proposal is ready for members to review and provide feedback, however there may not be enough time to permit members to read and digest it to approve it, or provide feedback prior to our May General Meeting. As many are now busy with spring feeding, splitting, treating and managing honey bees, it is not appropriate to rush the approval process. Please be patient as Executive determine next steps to garner your support for Bylaw proposals.

In the meantime, should you desire a copy to peruse, please contact John Russell. □

## April-May 2021 MBA report to RRAA by Margaret Smith

These strange times and strange weather have certainly played havoc with meetings and hive buildup. Our meetings for the MBA Board of Directors have continued online, through ZOOM, the latest being April 15th

Here are the highlights:

- A meeting has been set up with Vet Services regarding beekeeper access to their diagnostic services. (Remember: we must have a prescription from a veterinarian for the use of any Antibiotics, should we need them)
- KRTP: The Bee Health Monitoring Program with Hygienic testing is on the KRTP website. A donation letter was sent out to all beekeepers for the establishment of the RTP Apiary. 4 sites have been acquired: one North and three South of Winnipeg. The goal is 100 hives. As of the meeting date, Derek had not yet moved into his office space at the U of M, but hopefully, this now has been / will be resolved soon.
- CHC Report: Packages and Queens: 3 pallets / week should be arriving (2 NZ and 1 AUS) with a total of 20 pallets projected. There was a 30 – 45- day import extension. Routing difficulties have certainly caused problems with losses. The shipment from Chile was routed through Holland, with heavy losses. When planes spend 2 days on the tarmac, with bees in the cargo hold, this is not surprising. There was a question about whether or not the interruptions in transportation would affect quality of queens. Rheel was to try to get some answers through CAPA. Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) Of the 70 (only 8 for Manitoba), who arrived on the April 9th flight, all went well. COVID testing was done and quarantines took place. It does not look good for those coming from the Philippines. Flight scheduling is poor and some beekeepers' are bringing their workers in on commercial flights, but the charter flight will possibly not happen. The quarantine time was extended to April 29th. There will still be pressure out West. Colony numbers are low and the workers will not be arriving until the end of June or early July. Lots of beekeepers and hanging onto bees, but there isn't enough to warrant extra workers. A beekeeper here will work with whatever high school students he can get and do without TFWs this year – maybe next year.
- Winter Loss Report: the basic report should be out June 20-21, with the final analysis coming out in July. Interprovincial movement of bees to other provinces has been low (close to normal). Auction sales have been close to normal as well. The inspection list was not complete as of the meeting. Rheel reported that he has not had many calls with dramatic losses, probably normal this year. May 1, the Inspection Program was to be launched. The aim this year is to inspect 5445 hives.
- Assiniboine Community College (ACC) in Brandon has approached the MBA regarding the possibility of setting up some kind of beekeeping course. This sounds like it might be like the Bee Masters course which was offered in BC and AB. It has been 40 years since the Bee Masters course was offered here in Manitoba. Further discussion will be taking place about the feasibility of such a course.
- Next meeting will take place online on May 20th

Well, that's it for now. Any question, please do not hesitate to ask. I can be contacted at margshoney@gmail.com or by cell: 431-337-5479. BEE Safe and Well, folks! ☐

# Red River Apiarists' Association

## Membership Application

*The RRAA membership extends for one calendar year and renewals are due in January.*

*Membership includes subscription to 8 issues of the RRAA BeeCause newsletter.*

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Please check one of the following:

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Payments:

- I hereby apply for membership to the RRAA ..... \$ 35.00/year  
or
- I am an UofM Beekeeping Course Student (first year free)..... \$ 0.00/year
- Optional: Beekeeper Liability Insurance: \$65.00 + \$5.20 ..... \$ 70.20/year

*\* Note: Liability Insurance fees must be submitted before April 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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*Completed form and payment may be brought to a RRAA regular meeting, or mailed to:*

**John Speer ([jurnss@outlook.com](mailto:jurnss@outlook.com)), RRAA Treasurer**  
**24063 Oakwood Road**  
**Sunnyside, MB**  
**R5R 0H4**

## Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2021 RRAA meeting

RRAA President, John Russell Badiuk opened the RRAA meeting which was conducted by a video conference, at 7:32 p.m. on Tuesday April 13, 2021. 78 screens attended the meeting using “Zoom”. John mended folks to turn off video to have better audio.

The Following reflects the meeting:

### A. Club Business

-Minutes from March 9,2021, Motion to accept: Moved by. Brad Hogg and seconded by Armand St. Hilaire: Carried

-Treasurer: Financial Report, John Speer

#### *Treasurer's Report*

-Account amount \$10 273.08

-Membership Update, 180 member but some that have not renewed and will be removed in the next few days. Some new and some student memberships. Insurance requests forwarded to MBA -

#### *Other committees:*

-Honey Show – Brad Hogg – no report

-Website - Duane Versluis and David Lee - still ongoing building up platforms. Hope to something soon, but taking longer than anticipated

-By-Laws – John Badiuk- still nothing to report

-Social Media - Nothing

-Mentor Program 2021 – Mentors and students match has happened and when doing yard visits remember -safety first.

### B. MBA Report

- Marg Smith (Rep.) no report, meeting happening on Thursday.

### C. Speaker(s)

**Dr. Kyle Bobiwash** - a return engagement introduced by Tim Kennedy

**Pollinators, diversity and urbanization**

## Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2021 RRAA meeting (continued)



Dr. Kyle Bobiwash

How to manage green space for wildlife, diversity is essential to withstand adversity. Kyle shared some of his research. Diversity impacts pollination and pest control. Diversity also allows for pollination in a variety of weather conditions and diverse land variety. How bees utilize pollen depends on what is available, bee preference, distance from nest etc. Fruit protein is important too to make strong hives as not all amino acids can be made by the bees. Nectar differs in sucrose and fructose and sometimes plants only produce nectar to meet the need of a specific pollinators. The abundance of pollinators important he found- 47 types of wasps, 90+ of bees and lots of flies. In urban centers human management is important to ensure diversity. Hives for Humanity in Vancouver training folks at all economic levels. Why not increase diversity in

Winnipeg.

Good lists of plants missing weeds J Plants for pollinators:

<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/pollinator-friendly-plant-lists>

<http://www.prairieoriginals.com/index.php?page=garden-collections>

<https://www.pollinator.org/guides#why>

### D. Next Month



Ron Miksha

**Ron Miksha**, speaking Veronica found him and explored his website, blog and twitter. Presently studying entomology in Calgary. Book: Bad Beekeeping

May talk to honey or his research on honeybee and native bee interaction.

**Derek Micholson—KRTP** – found some sites – Bee monitoring is still available, now doing hygienic testing \$8 if in monitoring programming and \$100 if not in the programming. Hygienic bees help keep other pathogens down and would be useful for people queen rearing.

<http://manitobabee.org/hive/2929/services-to-beekeepers-Manitoba-bee-health-monitoring-program/>

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021

Meeting done about 9:30 and discussion continued until 10:24

Submitted by Monica Wiebe □

### Sugar Rollers for Mite Counts

Per assembled set of two 500ml jars plus screen  
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Or for DIY,

8" x 8" piece of 1/8" metal screen (enough for 4 circles) \$1.00

1' x 1' piece of 1/8" metal screen (enough for 9 circles) \$2.00

Please contact Veronica at 204-489-8208  
veronica.larmour@umanitoba.ca

### DRAWN COMB (Deep Frames)

Approximately 400 drawn honey frames. These are wooden frames with plastic foundation, most are black Ritecell but some variations exist. I will sell any amount, large or small. You get to come and pick the best for yourself, so get in early. \$5/frame.

Wooden frames with wired foundationless honeycomb are also available. \$7/frame.

Wooden BROOD frames with plastic foundation \$3/frame.

Drawn and undrawn green DRONE frames \$2/frame.

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### BORDER HILLS HONEY

Now purchasing yellow settled beeswax, willing to make arrangements for pickup/delivery on any amount of wax.

Taking preorders for Nucs:

4 Frame nucs, 2020 Manitoba Queen, 3 frames bees and brood, 1 honey

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## For Sale

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Five frame nucs in Jester boxes with new queen available later in May \$250.

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Bee escapes.

Paraffin dipped 6 frame nuc boxes.

Empty supers.

Email [margshoney@gmail.com](mailto:margshoney@gmail.com)

Text/Phone Rob 431-337-7774

## Nucs for Sale

\$220

2020 queens.

Nucs will have 3 frames of brood and 2 frames of feed. My nucs are a little different and will come on Medium (3/4) frames. I have a write up available explaining how to transfer them into standard equipment.

Call/Text

**Laura Wiens at 204-805-4809**

Or

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### For Sale

	Price Ea.	Units
Wax-dipped Screened Bottom Board with Slide Out Bottom	\$25	30
Super Box with Wax Frame Foundation	\$20	20
Inner Cover	\$10	27
Metal Queen Excluder	\$10	40
Empty Super Boxes	\$10	40
Insulated Top Covers	\$15	30
4-Frame Nuc Boxes	\$30	12
Bee Escape Boards	\$10	30
Pollen Traps	\$10	11
Steel Tube Frames with Plywood Sides and Winter Insulation. Holds up to 5 Hives; Fits My Own Bottom Boards.	\$100	5
Maxant Extractor Holds up to 30 Large Frames	\$2000	1

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