

TAEP Producer Diversification – Honey Bee

2026-2027 TAEP Application B

- Not all eligible items are listed; please contact the Producer Diversification Coordinator for project eligibility or clarification prior to applying for TAEP cost share.
- All eligible items requested may not be approved due to the competitive evaluation of the program.
- To ensure long-term investments, items requested must be able to meet the five (5) year verification period to be considered for cost share.

Honey Bee - Eligible Items

Apiary Expansion:

- Frame wire
- Pollen traps

Beekeeping supplies

- Queens: one per new hive – re-queening of existing hives is not eligible
- Package bees
- Nucleus colonies – honey bees & boxes

Hive or super equipment

- Deep supers – hive bodies 9 5/8"
- Illinois, Western, Medium supers 6 5/8"
- Shallow supers 6 1/4"

Frames

- Deep supers – hive bodies 9 5/8"
- Illinois, Western, Medium supers 6 5/8"
- Shallow supers 6 1/4"

Foundation wax

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- Illinois, Western, Medium supers 6 5/8"
- Shallow supers 6 1/4"

Hive accessories

- Telescoping covers, Western, or flat covers
- Bottom boards
- Division board feeders
- Entrance feeder
- Top feeders
- Queen excluders
- Entrance reducers
- Metal frame spacers
- Metal rabbets
- Eyelets

Honey Processing Equipment

Band heaters

Bottling bucket kit

Capping scratchers

Containers – 5 or more gallons and usually stainless steel

Drum handling truck

Extractors – motorized recommended

Gates for honey storage

Honey bottling valve

Honey dispensing tanks

Honey filter

Honey refractometer

Immersion heaters

Strainers

Un-cappers

Uncapping knives

Wax melters

Pollination Services

All items and equipment listed in above sections are also eligible under the pollination services.

- Hive Lifters – manual or hydraulic; must be commercially manufactured for beekeepers
- Trailers – size cannot be larger than needed for the number of colonies.

Honey Processing Facility*

Building materials to construct a licensed facility.

Labor is only eligible for infrastructure projects.

To be eligible for cost share reimbursement, labor must be quoted and performed by a contractor.

*** Include dimensions and designs with project proposal.**

Honey Bee - Ineligible Items

Bee brush	Ross rounds
Bee escapes	Section scraping tools
Bee go – product for moving bees out of supers	Small hive beetle traps
Bee hats	Smokers
Beekeeping gloves	Smoker bellows
Bees for resale	Smoker materials
Beetle boards	Sting kill swabs
Brood builder	Sugar
Comb cutters	Swarm traps
Corn syrup	Sweat bands
Coveralls	Used equipment
Diagnostic kits	Used materials
Electric embedder	Veils
Equipment for resale	
Frame/ form board	
Frame cleaner	
Frame grip(s)	
Frame fixers	
Frame holders	
Frames for resale	
Frame spacing tool	
Fume boards	
Grafting tools	
Hive tools	
Honey containers	
Jars and caps	
Labels	
Mailing cages	
Medications	
Packaging	
Plastic queen cell cups	
Observation hives	
Queen cell protectors	
Queen clipping scissors	
Queen paint markers	
Replacement of equipment/bees/existing items or structures	