

**ISU Beekeeping Club
Introduction to Beekeeping
Workshop Program**

*Saturday, January 25, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cooperative Extension Service Building, 204 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL*

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Participants Check In

9:00 - 10:45 a.m. **Session I - Beekeeping and the Beekeeper's Equipment**

Welcome, Introductions, Overview
The Bee Hive
Basic Tools & Protective Devices
Bee Stings – Normal and Allergic Reactions
Installing and Feeding Your Package Bees

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. *Morning Break*

11:00 - 12:00 p.m. **Session II – Hive Management**

Capturing Swarms
Diseases, Pests, and Queenlessness
Lessons of a First-Year Beekeeper

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Session III – Hive Management (continued)**

Controlling Swarming
Maximizing Honey Production
Wintering Practices

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Session IV – Products of the Hive**

Products of the Hive
Extracting, Bottling, and Selling Honey
Grading Honey – Color and Water Concentration

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. *Afternoon Break*

3:15 - 4:00 p.m. **Session V - Getting Started in Beekeeping**

Beekeeping and the Law

- Illinois Administrative Code
- Bees and Apiary Act
- Illinois Bees and Apiary Program Inspection
- Setting Up Your Apiary
- Application for Apiary Registration

Acquiring Resources and Counting the Costs
Door Prize Drawing
Survey and Adjournment

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Session V – Work Time**

Building Frames and Installing Foundation