

**ISU Beekeeping Course**  
**DRAFT Agenda**

107F Ropp Agricultural Building  
Saturday, April 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.      Sign In

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

    Introductions & Overview (Jessica ? )  
    The Bee Hive (Joe)  
    Protective Devices & Basic Tools (Josh)  
    Honey Bee Biology & Anatomy (Randy)

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.      Morning Break

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.      **Session II - The Honey Bee Colony**

    A Year in Beekeeping (Carl)  
    Products from the Hive (Josh)  
    Coping with Bee Stings (Carl)  
    Installing Package Bees (Joe)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.      Lunch (on your own) with *The World of Bees* in the background

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.      **Session III - Managing the Colony**

    Feeding Your Bees (Joe)  
    Controlling Swarming (Randy)  
    Nectar and Pollen Plants of Illinois (Jessica ? )  
    Diseases, Pests, and Queenlessness (Joe)  
    Maximizing Honey Production (Carl)  
    Grading Honey – Color and Water Concentration (Carl)  
    Extracting, Bottling, and Selling Honey (Melissa)  
    Wintering Practices (Josh)

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.      Afternoon Break

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.      **Session IV - Getting Started in Beekeeping**

    Safety in the Apiary (Carl)  
    Hive Construction (everyone with lead: Joe)  
    Setting Up and Registering Your Apiary (Randy)  
    The Ten Commandments of Beekeeping (Carl)  
    Door Prize Drawing