

Suburban Sodbuster

BASICS OF NATURAL BEEKEEPING

KEEP LOCAL BEES

Locally acclimated honeybees are more in sync with local nectar flows, are likely to prepare better for winter, and thrive when their instincts match the climate.

AVOID SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING:

In normal conditions, local bees get what they need from the environment. Feeding affects brood production artificially and results in more work and cost for a keeper.

AVOID HIVE TREATMENTS

Dealing with parasites and disease is most sustainable by keeping resistant bees. Feral & untreated survivor colonies are more likely to be resistant than packaged bees.

SUPPORT BEES' NATURE

In the wild, honeybees build comb from the top down, not segmented and expanded from the bottom up. Use a hive which supports the bees' nature.

MINIMIZE INTERVENTIONS

Locally acclimated bees, in a hive that meets their nature, require little manipulation. Open hives only with reason and only harvest surplus honey.

*The business of bees is to be bees, and they know their business better than we do.
The keeper's job is to provide the best environment for the bees' business.*

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