

## **SOURCES for BEES & SUPPLIES**

Please note – this is a compilation of possible sources for you to purchase bees from. This list was originally compiled by Boston Area Beekeepers Association (BABA), with some contributions from the Norfolk County Beekeepers Association (NCBA) in winter/spring 2014. In late 2013/early 2014 we spoke to the owners listed below, and followed up with many of them in January 2015 (unless otherwise notated below). These companies and individuals are all long-term beekeepers and purveyors of bees, so there is high likelihood that you will be able to order bees directly from at least some of these sources *if you act ASAP* (many people order bees early in the calendar year, so it is best to get your order in as soon as you know that you want bees). That said, unless you see a 2015 date, prices and availability may have changed slightly. Neither BABA nor NCBA is taking orders for these bees, nor does BABA nor NCBA take any responsibility for accuracy of the information or quality of bees. The information below is based on information provided by the suppliers themselves.

\*\*\*If you live *in Boston or in the suburbs south of the city* and would like the convenience of a local pickup (or just want to support a small JP community-based business, pick up your bees in JP), Bill Perkins of the urban grange Agricultural Hall will be ordering a limited number of packages and nucs from sources below, which he will be selling at Ag Hall in Jamaica Plain. Check his website ([www.aghall.com](http://www.aghall.com)) & feel free to contact him directly at [Bill@AgHall.com](mailto:Bill@AgHall.com) to reserve your bees.

\*\*\*for those just *north of Boston*, Nancy Mangion of the Beekeepers Warehouse ([www.beekeeperswarehouse.com](http://www.beekeeperswarehouse.com); 781-935-6090) is a great, friendly, knowledgeable local source of bees, supplies and beekeeping information. Her approach to beekeeping is to let nature lead the way, which we at Boston Area Beekeepers Association also appreciate. More details below.

## **BEES**

### **Packages:**

*\*none of these will be local, because our season is too short to produce packages*

**Nancy Mangion**  
2015

\*has Packages for \$120 each, arriving after May 1,

**Beekeepers Warehouse**  
1 Sullivan St, Woburn MA  
**convenient** 781-935-6090  
**north of Boston**

→ **Nancy has been beekeeping for decades and is a wealth of knowledge in addition to being a source of bees & equipment for those**

[www.beekeeperswarehouse.com](http://www.beekeeperswarehouse.com)

Gold Star Honeybees  
Gardiner, ME  
207-449-1121

\*Natural/small cell packages  
(great for TBHs, Warre hives or foundationless Langstroth)  
→ prices will be posted in late Jan. 2015

<http://www.goldstarhoneybees.com/>

NEBEES  
12 Louis Avenue, Tyngsboro, MA  
877-632-3371; (978) 957-2233  
[rick@nebees.com](mailto:rick@nebees.com)  
<http://shop.nebees.com/category.sc?categoryld=8>

Packages (still available as of 1/20/15)  
\*Pick-up days: April 13 & April 20  
→ cost is \$120-125/package

Rollin Hannan Jr.  
Hannan Honey LLC  
480 Hulls Hill Rd.  
Southbury, CT 06488  
(203)264-7005  
[r.hannan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.hannan@sbcglobal.net)  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hannan-Honey-LLC/179125258038>

\*Packages (from the south) available as of 1/20/15  
→ prices to be posted & ordering available soon

Dan Conlon  
Warm Colors Apiary  
South Deerfield, MA  
413-665-4513  
[warmcolors1@juno.com](mailto:warmcolors1@juno.com); [warmcolors@verizon.net](mailto:warmcolors@verizon.net)  
<http://www.warmcolorsapiary.com/>

Queens & Packages, but probably no Nucs this year (2015)  
→ Italian packages for \$110 (3rd week of April 2015)  
→ Russian Hybrid packages for \$115 (1st week of April 2015)  
\*Packages from Rossman and Hardeman (GA). Pickup in S. Deerfield.

Wood's Bees  
Wood's Beekeeping Supply  
Lincoln, RI  
401-305-2355  
[chuck@woodsbees.com](mailto:chuck@woodsbees.com)  
[www.woodsbees.com](http://www.woodsbees.com)

Packages, Queens, ltd. Nucs (deep frames, from LA; may have  
his own local overwintered nucs available in May)  
\*NOT treatment-free  
→ packages are \$115-\$125 & due in April 10th 2015  
→ Ltd. # of nucs, \$185 apiece & ready ~1st week of May 2015

### **NUCS (+ some Queens, Packages):**

Merrimack Valley Apiaries  
96 Dudley Rd  
Billerica MA  
978-667-5380  
[www.crystalsrawhoney.com](http://www.crystalsrawhoney.com) (order bees online)  
[cardbee@aol.com](mailto:cardbee@aol.com)

~~Nucs~~ (not treatment-free)  
SOLD OUT as of 1/20/15  
\$150 each (\$145 for 25+)  
\*Italian/Carniolan hybrid stock

Bob Brachmann  
Cold Weather Queens  
7590 Maples Rd.  
Little Valley, NY 14755  
(716) 699-4145  
[Foxbrachmann@hotmail.com](mailto:Foxbrachmann@hotmail.com); [BobBrachman@russianbreeder.org](mailto:BobBrachman@russianbreeder.org)  
[www.coldcountryqueens.com](http://www.coldcountryqueens.com)

Queens (Russian), Nucs?  
\*not sure of 2015 availability

Andrew Munkres  
availability

\*Had Nucs & Queens in 2014, not sure of 2015

Middlebury, VT  
802 462 3722  
ajmunkres@yahoo.com

ADDITIONAL INFO: His stock is a mix of VSH, Russian and Carniolan breeds.  
He raises his own queens from the queens which overwintered two winters, from colonies which showed good honey production, gentleness, low swarming tendency, etc.  
Treatment free.

Full Bloom Apiaries / Alan Holmberg  
Franklin, CT  
queen  
860 235 0624

2015: Nucs (in deep frames), Queens (\$30)  
→ \$160 for nuc w/ new queen, \$190 for nuc w/ overwintered

[alan@fullbloomapiaries.com](mailto:alan@fullbloomapiaries.com)  
[www.fullbloomapiaries.com](http://www.fullbloomapiaries.com)

ADDITIONAL INFO: Overwintered New World Carniolans, queens mated with drones selected from proven honey producing, disease-resistant, CT overwintered colonies.  
Little or no treatment. Pickup in May. Choice of nucs made with 2014 spring queens \*or\* queens raised in CT in spring 2014 & overwintered in CT).

McFarline Apiaries / Tim McFarline  
Benson, VT  
802 537 3294  
to

Nucs (5-frame deeps), Queens  
\*still available as of 1/13/15 (pick-up June 21)  
→ may want to verify that info below still applies

[tmcfarline2@yahoo.com](mailto:tmcfarline2@yahoo.com)  
2014

his 2015 nucs as this info was gathered in

[www.mcfarlineapiaries.com](http://www.mcfarlineapiaries.com)

ADDITIONAL INFO \*from 2014: McFarline's Apiary uses no treatments of any kind nor any manipulations to reduce remove or impede varroa nor mask or treat diseases. I have and am still collecting a diversity of queens locally and elsewhere in the country, raising daughters from these and propagating the best survivors. My breeders are 2 winters old, ensuring adequate assessment over time and in differing stages of growth. I select for large brood chambers (high honey potential), disease free, gentle, showing no adverse effect from varroa. The queens and drones are not racially pure. The nucs I sell are overwintered and so have the advantage of the queen surrounded by her own bees and brood. The nucs are either sold as 4 -5 frame or 8-frame. We also sell queens beginning middle june and ending mid-august. The nucs are picked up in Vermont/NY. No frame exchange but you will need your own equipment.

Alden & Carolyn Marshall  
B\_Line Apiaries  
Hudson, NH 03051  
(603) 883-6764  
[b\\_line@comcast.net](mailto:b_line@comcast.net)  
[http://mvbee.org/b\\_line/](http://mvbee.org/b_line/)

Nucs; Packages from GA (Wilbanks' and Gardner's Apiaries)  
→ nuc: \$120 (pickup May through early June)  
→ Italian package: \$100 (early May pick-up)  
→ Carniolan package: \$110 (early May pick-up)  
→ Queens (Italian or Carniolan): \$25 (+ \$2 for marking)  
\*all still available as of 1/20/15

Nucs are 5-frame mediums (need to bring hive body to put them in) from his own hives; buys new queens to create nucs (N. CA Heitkam - hygienic); uses only drone trapping - no chems (Info from 2014)

**Queens Only:** *\*see above for other suppliers who also have Queens*

Dean Stiglitz & Ramona Herboldsheimer  
Golden Rule Honey  
Leominster MA  
978-407-3934  
[www.beeuntoothers.com](http://www.beeuntoothers.com)

Queens (No treatment, Survivor, Small Cell)

Anarchy Apiaries (Sam Comfort)  
[anarchyapiaries@hotmail.com](mailto:anarchyapiaries@hotmail.com)  
<http://anarchyapiaries.org/hivetools/>

Queens, Langstroth Nucs, Top Bar Nucs  
\*natural/small cell; treatment-free; survivor stock  
→ not sure of 2015 availability

### **Beekeeping Supplies:**

#### **Local:**

<http://www.aghall.com/beekeeping.html> Agricultural Hall (urban ag supply store & grange in JP)  
<http://www.beekeeperswarehouse.com/> Beekeepers' Warehouse (bees & supplies; Woburn)  
<http://www.nebees.com> New England Beekeeping Supplies (Tyngsboro)  
<http://www.buzzingrooster.com> Buzzing Rooster (hand-made Langstroth, Warre & Top Bar Hives; Boylston)  
<http://www.followthehoney.com> Follow the Honey (locally made Japanese-style hives; Cambridge)

#### **Regional/National:**

[www.lagrantshoneybees.com](http://www.lagrantshoneybees.com) 413-967-5064 (Ware, MA)  
[www.humbleabodesinc.com](http://www.humbleabodesinc.com) 877-4-BEE-BOX (Windsor, ME)  
[www.betterbee.com](http://www.betterbee.com) 800-632-3379 (Greenwich, NY)  
[www.dadant.com](http://www.dadant.com) 217-847-3324 (Hamilton, IL)  
<http://www.brushymountainbeefarm.com/> (NC & PA)  
[www.mannlakeltd.com](http://www.mannlakeltd.com) 800-880-7694 (Hackensack, MN)