



Apiary Application
Submitted via website by:

APIARY APPLICATION

Apiary Business Information

Applicant Name

Email

Apiary Name

Apiary Address

County

Show Street Address?

- Show street address on public profile

Display on Map?

- Show farm location on CNG map

Does the apiary have a different mailing address than the physical location above?

Apiary Phone Number

Cell Phone?

Make Public?

Apiary Phone Number

Cell Phone?

Make Public?

Website

Facebook

Instagram

Twitter

TikTok

Production History

Please briefly tell us why you are applying to have your apiary be part of the Certified Naturally Grown (CNG) program.

Is the land on which your apiary sits currently certified (by CNG or another organization)?

Has the land on which your apiary sits ever been certified in the past?

How did you hear about CNG?

Please provide more details. It's great for us to know how our grassroots movement is spreading.

Please check all markets where you sell your honey.

You may use this space to specify where customers can purchase your honey (this will be displayed on your profile to help customers find you).

How many hives are in your apiary (or apiaries)?

For how long have you been keeping bees? How long have you been marketing your products? What has prepared you to do this successfully according to CNG standards?

Apiary Location and Position

Some beekeepers seek certification for more than one apiary. Please provide the location (or locations) of the apiary (or apiaries) for which you seek certification.

Briefly describe the landscape where this apiary is located. What surrounds the apiary? What are the nectar sources?

Additional locations?

How many total apiary locations do you have?

Do you own or manage the land on which your apiary is located?

Within each apiary for which you seek certification, do you manage any hives "conventionally" (using practices or substances that are not allowed under the CNG apiary standards)?

Hive Construction, Components, and Brood Comb Removal

Do your hives have any paint or chemical treatment on the interior surface of the hive?

Do you have, or will you develop, a labeling system and schedule to ensure removal of at least 20% of brood frame per year, such that there is never brood comb present that is more than 5 years old?

Describe your brood comb labeling and removal practices to date, and your plans for the coming seasons.

Apiary Transition

Does your apiary contain brood comb that A) is from another beekeeper (including from purchased nuc), or B) has been exposed to Tylan, or C) has been exposed to three or more treatments of fluvalinate (Apistan, Mavrik) or amitraz (Miticur, Taktic, or Mitak)?

Has any wax or comb in your apiary ever been exposed to coumaphos (CheckMite+) or fenpyroximate (Hivastan), or more than six indirect exposures of coumaphos (CheckMite+), hydramethylnon or fipronil (Max Force Gel roach bait) as closed trapping for SHBs?

General Bee Maintenance and Care

Describe how you maintain your bee population from one season to the next. Do you rely on survivor colonies, incorporate feral colonies, purchase new bees every year, or some combination of these and/or other practices?

Do you sometimes feed the bees when honey supers are on the hive, or within two weeks before honey super addition?

If and when your bees require supplemental feeding, what do you feed them? Please be specific and include all ingredients.

Varroa Mite

Describe what measures you take to suppress the Varroa mite population in your hives.

How do you monitor mite population levels? When and how often?

Before treating any hive for Varroa mites, will you monitor the Varroa mite infestation level to determine whether it exceeds the treatment threshold set by your local network? (If you run a survivor colony, and you never treat, please answer Yes).

If you choose to treat colonies infested with Varroa mites, will you keep records of treatment methods, along with pre- and post-treatment monitoring results?

American and European Foulbrood

How do you prevent and treat American Foulbrood (AFB) and European Foulbrood (EFB)? (Even if you have not encountered these diseases before, you must have a prevention plan).

Nosema

How do you prevent and treat Nosema? (Even if you have not encountered this disease before, you must

have a prevention plan).

Other Diseases

What has been your experience with other diseases (such as chalkbrood, viral diseases, etc.)? How have you dealt with them? How will you deal with them if they recur?

Other Pests

What has been your experience with pests such as wax moths and small hive beetle? How have you dealt with them? How will you deal with them if they recur?

What measures do you take, if any, to protect the hives against pests such as mice, skunks, possums, raccoons, and bears?

Please describe any other practices you follow to help strengthen the bee population under your care.

Colonies Engaged in Pollination Services

Are your colonies engaged in pollination by contract?

Local Networks

Are you a part of a local network of beekeepers using natural methods? This could be a formal network like a county beekeepers association, or it could be an informal network of beekeepers in your area with a commitment to using natural methods.

If this is a formal network please indicate the name of the network below.

If this is an informal network, please indicate below the names of at least two other beekeepers who participate.

List at least one person who you could ask to conduct your apiary's inspection.

Agreements

Please indicate your agreement with the following statements by entering your initials in the spaces following the statements.

I will only use the Certified Naturally Grown name and label on apiary products (honey, pollen, propolis) that are in fact from the CNG apiaries described in this application.

I understand that CNG Apiary Certification applies to honey and sometimes pollen, but it does not apply CNG status to beeswax.

I understand that I have to complete at least one Certification Inspection of another apiary in my area each year and will abide by the trading and repeat rules within the CNG Inspection Guidelines.

I have reviewed the Certified Naturally Grown Apiary Standards, understand them, and will abide by them. I understand that if I have any questions I may contact CNG for clarification.

CNG Apiary Standards

You may use this space to tell us anything else you think we should know about your apiary: