

Welcome y Bienvenidos

Queenbees 2010

- ◆ **ROCKY MOUNTAIN REINAS**- Southwest Survivor Queenbees (SWQ).
- ◆ **SOOPER YOOPERS**-Great Lakes Survivor Queenbees (SYQ).
- ◆ Both Survivor lines available in SMR/VSH Italian and NWC Carniolan based lineages.
- ◆ All Breeders min. 2 yrs old. All daughters out-crossed with diverse survivor genetics in our isolated mountain valleys.
Production May-September. For availability, please call: 505/689-1287.

Marking included free of charge unless otherwise specified. Clipping add \$1/queen

Quantity Discount Pricing:

- ◆ 1-19 = \$23/each
 - ◆ 50-99 = \$20/each
 - ◆ 20-49 = \$22/each
 - ◆ 100+ = \$18/each
- *Queens shipped in JZBZ cages with attendants and fondant.*

Shipping via US Postal Service; Priority flat rate and Express (guaranteed).
Express shipping recommended for all destinations east of the Mississippi.

50% deposit requested with final payment due before shipping.

Payment accepted by Checks, Money Orders and
Credit/Debit cards via PayPal (processing fee assessed)

Nucleus Colonies: Supply Limited, Pick-Up Only from NM Farm. Anticipated availability: April-June.

Starter Nucs

3-frame: \$85.00 w/ frame exchange w/o frame exchange add \$9.00

5-frame: \$120.00 w/ frame exchange w/o frame exchange add \$15.00

Frame exchange with Pierco or wooden frame w/ plastic foundation only

Top Bar Hive Starter Nuc

Available in limited quantity in late spring, we offer starter nuclei for top bar hives in 3-frame sets only - \$100.00

Top Bar starter nucs are established mini families with transferable honeycomb, bees, brood, food stores and a freshly mated Queenbee of the season.

As a standard, we utilize 19 inch long wooden top bars that are ½ inch thick with a recycled Pierco starter strip. This starter strip (holding the honeycomb) can be unscrewed and screwed onto personally sized top bars. By using 19 inch long top bars that are ½-inch thick, one is better able to interchange their top bars with standard Langstroth users.

Transport your nuc in a reusable 5-frame waxed cardboard nuc box (with air vents and plug) for \$10.00.

Equipment: Assembled Langstroth Equipment

Item #001: Inner Cover and Telescoping lid \$32.50 unpainted

Item #002: 9 5/8" Deep Super (includes 10 wood frames w/ plastic foundation) \$49.00 unpainted

Item #003: 7 5/8" Super-*this is not a medium nor a shallow* (+ 10 wooden frames w/ plastic foundation) \$49.00

Item #004: Screened bottom board \$37.00

Item #005: Deep Feeder (with cap & mesh round ladders) \$10.00

Item #006: Shallow 5 5/8" Feeder (with cap & mesh round ladders) \$8.50

Item #007: Deep Wooden Frames (w/ plastic foundation) \$3.00/each

Item #008: Waxed-Coated 5-frame nuc box (w/ lid and plug) \$10.00

Item #009: Langstroth Starter kit: includes screened bottom board, 1 brood chamber, \$125.00
1 inner cover, 1 telescoping lid & 1 feeder (bees sold separately)

****We are limited on storage space- advanced notice required for pick up of equipment****

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Zia Queenbee Company & Superior Honey Farms

P.O. Box 317 ~ Truchas, NM 87578 ~ ziaqueenbees@hotmail.com

Gourmet Varietal Honey

Raw Honey has not been pasteurized nor adulterated. Varietal honeys are separated by location and are multi-floral. Please call for availability and pricing. Honeys available in 6.5 oz and 12 oz glass jars.

Land of Enchantment Pure, Raw, Unblended, Unpasteurized, Natural NM Honeys

The diverse flora of the Rio Grande Valley from north to south, and the changing microclimates from the increasing elevation of the valley up to the mountains offer many unique honeys. Each taste is flavorful, aromatic, and spiritually enlightening!

- ◆ Lagrimas de Oro (Las Cruces-Late Summer)
- ◆ Mesquite Maravillosa (Las Cruces/Spring)
- ◆ Valor de Vado (Vado/Summer)
- ◆ Tortugas (Mesilla Park/Spring-Summer)
- ◆ Rio Grande Bosque Bliss (Espanola Valley/Spring)
- ◆ Paz de Peñasco (Santa Barbara Canyon- Sangre de Cristo Mnts./Summer)
- ◆ Povi Picuris (Vadito, Sangre de Cristo Mnts./Summer)
- ◆ Dulce de Dixon (Dixon-Embudo/Spring-Summer)
- ◆ Miel del Monte (Truchas/Summer)
- ◆ Santa Fe Sol (Santa Fe/Summer)

Varietals vary season to season. We must first ensure that our honeybees have enough natural food stores (honey) before harvesting surplus. Because of this, our harvests are in small batches and thus in limited supply.

Visit us at the various Feasts Days around the Pueblos.

We can ship flat rate Priority with payments accepted via PayPal, check or money order.

Vintage Varietals: Rio Grande Honeys (not all available)

- ◆ Paz de Peñasco (cream clover, natural culture)
- ◆ Sangre de Cristo (Santa Fe River/Spring)
- ◆ Alma de Abiquiu (Georgia O'Keefe country)
- ◆ Rio Grande Bosque Bliss (Velarde/Spring)
- ◆ Ambrosia del Alma (Alcalde/Fall)
- ◆ Santa Fe Sol (Santa Fe/Summer)
- ◆ Black Mesa Buzz (La Canova)
- ◆ El Guique Girasol (El Guique Sunflower)
- ◆ Trebol de Taos (9,000 foot elevation Taos)
- ◆ Vado Valley (NM Sur)

Lake Superior Pure, Raw, Unblended, Unpasteurized, Natural Honeys –

We are in the process of rebuilding our apiary numbers in the U.P. hoping to offer pure, raw, Marquette area varietal honey soon at Marquette Food Co-op.

- ◆ Basswood
- ◆ Wild Berry Blossom/Great Lake Wildflower
- ◆ Sweet Clover Comb Honey

Being that all of our honeys are pure and raw, they have a tendency to crystallize: some in very smooth, creamy crystals and others with a little more substance. Crystallization is a natural preservation process of honey. The higher the sugars in each kind of nectar will determine how quickly and in what consistency the crystallization occurs. If one prefers liquid honey, it can be warmed slightly in a water bath or sunny window (recent research recommends not above 104 degrees F as beneficial components of honey can deteriorate.

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OTHER GOODIES made when ordered:

- ❖ High Desert Lip Balm available in plain, citrus, and spearmint \$3-each
Made with pure NM beeswax, olive oil, and essential oils
- ❖ High Desert Boo Boo Balm \$10
Made with pure NM beeswax, olive oil & essential oils of tea tree, eucalyptus, rose, grapefruit, rosemary, lemongrass, and lavender
- ❖ High Desert Body Balm \$8
Made with pure NM beeswax, olive oil & a combination of essential oils including rose, neroli, lavender, cedar
- ❖ Propolis Balm \$15
- ❖ Propolis Tincture \$10
- ❖ Raw Propolis \$10/oz
- ❖ Beeswax taper candles \$5/each or \$8/pair
- ❖ Beeswax jewelry: made with pure NM Beeswax- keep away from direct heat
 - Honeycomb earrings- \$25/pair
 - Honeycomb necklace- \$15
 - Beeswax hex mold earrings/necklaces \$30 set.
- ❖ Beekeeper Photo Notecards \$4/each

Community Services

Zia Queenbee Co. and Superior Honey Farms are dedicated to assisting local, regional and national sustainability. Our community outreach services include:

- ❖ **Pollination services** - starting at \$65-90/ depending on location and distance within NM
Minimum recommended colonies/acre suggested for effective crop pollination
- ❖ **Beekeeping education**- *class listings under HIVE JIVE*
- ❖ **Community presentations**
- ❖ **Farm tours**
- ❖ **Hive hosting** - Unable to keep bees yourself but want to support Sustainable Beekeeping?

You can help in two ways:

- 1) Host hives on your property (we maintain them and offer you honey in exchange) 2) Sponsor a hive with a monetary donation and assist in offsetting equipment and revision expenses while also supporting the integrative development of conscientious beekeeping management using naturally hearty, regional honeybee stock (you receive varietal honeys in recompense).

Please feel free to contact us – we look forward to hearing from you! We do not claim to be experts in any way but strive to share our growing experience. We have over 25 years combined experience with 15 of those dedicated to Queenrearing and to Chemical-Free Survivor Queenbreeding.

We learn much from our beekeeping colleagues, Mother Nature and of course, our girls-the honeybees.

Beekeeping is a dying scientific art and artistic science!

Let us work together to keep it alive and well!

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