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# What's the Buzz?

Hello friends and fellow keepers!

## But what if I don't want to be a beekeeper?

I often hear from our customers how much they love our honey and hive products. They rave about it in their bread recipes and coffee. It's delicious on pancakes with peanut butter or in that amazing Old Bay Honey Chicken recipe. Those same customers often tell me they have no desire to become a beekeeper. (It sounds more like "Ohhhh He\*\* No!!") They ask me, "how can I help support farmers, and beekeepers, support my food system, and help pollinators but WITHOUT becoming a beekeeper?" Well, that's simple; become a better gardener. Plant native nectar producing trees, shrubs, bushes and flowers for pollinators that bloom in the summer and fall. Forage for bees and other winged insects would be an amazing way to help keep bees alive and fed through the summer when its dry and nothing else is blooming. That's when they need the food most. Here are a few links with good information to get you started.

# Native Plant of Maryland booklet Feb 05 Maryland native plants for sale

Also, a quick Google search will give you a ton of information on what to plant and when.

Last year we spent \$7K on sugar. We fed 200lbs every 7-10 days from the end of May to December. At \$20 per 25lb bag, it was an expensive year for feed. If we want them to live, we simply must feed them. They are considered livestock in Maryland and require care just like a sheep or horse. Also, creating a

more diverse garden would be helpful. Since the honeybee will fly up to 5 miles from home to find the forage she needs, you can see that no matter how far out you live, or how little space you have, you can help by planting and growing beautiful flowers in your yard. Spring is coming and the busy season will be on us sooner than we will be ready for it.

We hope you are all well and healthy and we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

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# STUFF YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT



Beginner Beekeeping Course, February 8, 15, & 22nd, 9-12pm at the CSM, LaPlata Campus

#### **Order Your Nucs**



### ADOPT-A-HIVE

You can become a supporter of Bees! Even if you don't have the space for beehives in your yard or neighborhood, You can simply

Adopt-a-Hive! We would like everyone who wants a chance to help the enviroment to be able to do so! For \$99 per year, you can support a colony of bees.

Happy Leeping!