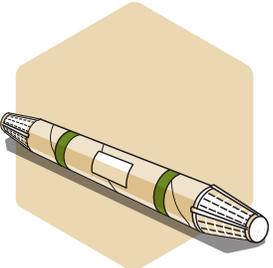
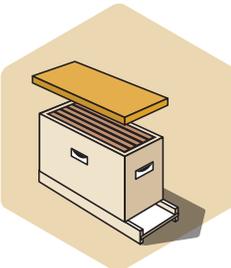
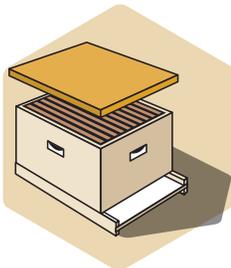
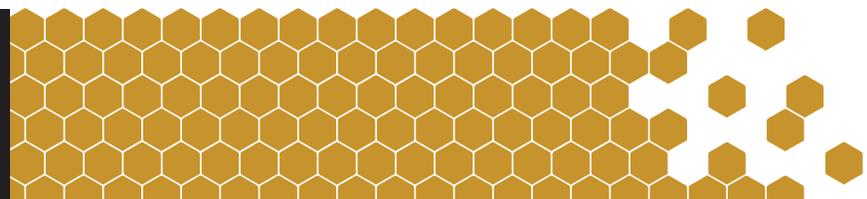


WHAT KIND OF BEES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE ALBERTA BEEKEEPER FOR 2019?

Use this information in conjunction with “What kind of Hive to purchase” to get started in Beekeeping

TYPE	3LB PACKAGE OF BEES	5-FRAME NUCLEUS	10-FRAME HIVE
WHAT	<p>A package of bees is simply 3lbs of bees inside a container with a queen in a cage around which the bees cluster on their journey from the original home to yours. There are no frames, hive boxes or anything else beside the bees and the queen.</p> 	<p>A 5-Frame nuc is a small ‘miniature’ version of all the workings of a healthy bee colony. It includes a laying, marked queen, brood in all stages, frames with stored honey and space for the colony to build comb and grow. Nucs are delivered in a condition that requires you to immediately put the nuc into a 10 or 8 frame hive. Nucs purchased from Hiveworld.ca in May grow rapidly and produce a normal surplus of honey yield the first year. They will have built up enough comb and stored additional honey to carry them through their first winter with you.</p> 	<p>A 10-frame hive is a healthy bee colony. Included is a laying, marked queen, brood in all stages, frames with stored honey and space for the colony to build comb and grow. Nucs are delivered in a condition that requires you to immediately put on additional supers for brood development. You can expect an average crop of honey (100 – 150lbs).</p> 
HOW	<p>Our package bees come from New Zealand and are typically available in April. They are inspected and shipped by air to Canada under special licence from the government. The tubes or box they come in are ventilated so the bees do not suffocate.</p>	<p>Nucs are one of Hiveworld.ca’s signature products. The nucs are established the summer before we sell them and are wintered and then supervised in the spring to monitor normal development. Once the weather has turned in April we watch 3 – 4 cycles of brood emerge and then make them available for sale. Nucs are shipped in special nuc boxes with enough ventilation to be shipped with Canada Post or be picked up by the beekeeper. Bees will do very well confined in the nuc box for up to 3 days. The nuc box must be kept in a well-ventilated place if the bees are confined.</p>	<p>10-frame hives are available in early June for pick up. They are heavy (around 70 – 80lbs) so you need to be physically capable of lifting the box with the bees in it or have a helper. The bees are confined in the box when you collect it and you remove the screens once you have set the hive in the final location at your home or acreage.</p>



TYPE	3LB PACKAGE OF BEES	5-FRAME NUCLEUS	10-FRAME HIVE
WHY	<p>Customers have purchased package bees because this was the only readily available way to get started in beekeeping. However, package bees are very difficult for new beekeepers to establish. Here's a few reasons why;</p> <p>1) April presents very variable weather, and the package of bees is very vulnerable until the queen has begun to lay and new brood begins to hatch 21 days later.</p> <p>2) Because a package of bees is not a 'swarm' it is a very unnatural beginning for the bees. Approximately 40% of packages placed in a hive will lose their queen in the first 30 days. The bees fail to keep her alive There are strategies to mitigate this, but they require skill and experience.</p> <p>3) At the 21 days point, the bees are put in a stressful situation. Normally in a hive the bees live for 3 - 4 weeks. In a package of bees, bees that have been helping establish the colony grow older and at the 21 days mark there are not enough emerging new bees to take over the tasks of rearing the new bees , and more important - attend to the queen. The queen requires royal jelly produced by the glands of new bees. The bees' age diminishes their ability to feed the queen and she begins to fail. She is reduced in her ability to produce pheromones and the bees are triggered to replace her.</p>	<p>Buying a 5 frame nuc is the preferred method to get into beekeeping. The nuc expands rapidly and within 3 weeks the bees are working on 20 frames, busily building the hive ready for the main flow at the beginning of July. 5 Frame nucs are supplied by Hiveworld.ca at the right weight and quantity of bees so that their normal development allows their maximum population to peak right before the main nectar flow in July.</p> <p>Hiveworld.ca nucs come from Alberta colonies. Nucs generated and overwintered within this province provide you with bees that are acclimatized to our weather and ready to flourish.</p>	<p>Buying a 10-frame hive in June is great for new beginners. It is also great for golf courses, or other public places where a beehive would be an attraction for patrons.</p> <p>They require a lot less help and nurturance and there is a core of activity immediately visible during daytime flying hours.</p>
WHEN	<p>Package bees are delivered on certain days in April. There is NO FLEXIBILITY for alternate pick-up dates once we confirm the date. The pick-up date is confirmed in March.</p>	<p>Nucs are available in May. A pick-up date that is convenient for you is confirmed during April. Nucs that are not collected are not refunded.</p>	<p>10-frame hives are available for pick up only in Edmonton in early June.</p>
SUMMARY	<p>Package bees are ordered from September onwards. Package bees are normally sold out by Easter. This is getting earlier and earlier each year, so we encourage you to order early. You order bees online and choose the special option for Live Bees payment. You do not pay at that time. We contact you after to confirm your order and send you a final invoice by email where there is a link to pay you invoice.</p> <p>AS SOON AS YOU ORDER THE BEES THEY ARE CONFIRMED. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPLY YOU BECAUSE OF WEATHER OR SUPPLY WE REFUND YOU IN FULL BY MAY 30, 2019.</p>	<p>Nucs are ordered in Fall for the next season. Nucs sell out quickly after Christmas. Usually an order is placed and then once beekeepers have been able to establish a their wintering loss in January or February, they place an additional order to make up colony numbers. You order bees online and choose the special option for Live Bees payment. You do not pay at that time. We contact you after to confirm your order and send you a final invoice by email where there is a link to pay you invoice.</p> <p>AS SOON AS YOU ORDER THE BEES THEY ARE CONFIRMED. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO SUPPLY YOU BECAUSE OF WEATHER OR SUPPLY WE REFUND YOU IN FULL BY AUG 31, 2019.</p>	
PRICING	<p>Package bees start at \$240.</p> <p>We can ship them to you - anywhere in Canada. They ship Canada post. This is very successful and becoming increasingly popular.</p> <p>You can add an additional guarantee for the bees for 30 days as well as any Canada Post delay or loss.</p> <p>Or you can add an option to Guarantee normal colony development for 90 days as well as Canada post delay or loss.</p> <p>All these options are available when you place your order online.</p>	<p>5 Frame nucs start at \$250.</p> <p>We can ship them to you - anywhere in Canada. They ship Canada Post. This is very successful and becoming increasingly popular.</p> <p>You can add an additional \$75 and we will guarantee the bees for 30 days as well as any Canada Post delay or loss.</p> <p>Or you can add an option to Guarantee normal colony development for 90 days as well as Canada post delay or loss.</p> <p>All these options are available when you place your order online.</p>	<p>10-frame hives are \$450.00.</p> <p>There are options for insurance for 30- and 90-day guarantees.</p>