

Private Beekeeping Course Syllabus
By Bewitched Acres

May 2026: Frame Reading 101- Bees are fascinating little creatures, and sometimes they sure don't follow the rules! In this class, you will get hands-on with the bees and see what they are up to. With the help of our beekeeper, you will understand what you are seeing, why the bees are doing what they're doing, and what this means for the cluster.

May 2026: Queen Biology 101- The queen is the heart of the cluster. In this hands-on class, our beekeeper will guide you in identifying the queen. You will see how she interacts with the cluster, learn how the cluster interacts with her, and learn how to induce the cluster to raise a new queen.

May 2026: Splits 101- Honey bees are unlike any other creature you may have cared for in the past. In this class, our beekeeper will help you interpret what the cluster is up to, what they may be trying to accomplish, and how to guide them to split into two clusters.

June 2026: Honey Management 101- Successful honey production is all about planning. With our beekeeper, you will learn how and why bees make honey, and what they need to optimize their honey-making potential.

June 2026: Frame Reading 102- Things don't always go as planned! In this class, you will help our beekeeper determine how to interpret the overall health of the cluster. You will learn to identify if they are queen right, if they think she's doing a good job, and what this means for the cluster.

July 2026: Queen Bee Biology 102- Oh no, the queen did what? In this class, you will learn what to do when issues arise with your queen. Our beekeeper will teach you when and how to cage a queen and how to introduce a new queen into the cluster.

July 2026: Fall 101- Fall weather is notoriously fickle. In this class, you will learn how to manage the changing needs of the cluster for fall, as dictated by the weather. You will

be able to identify what your bees' food stores are like, if they have enough space, and how to troubleshoot any issues.

August 2026: Winter 101- Winter is right around the corner! The bees have been preparing for winter for a while now. With the help of our beekeeper, you will learn how the bees have prepared, what they need to survive the winter, and how we can set them up for their best chance of survival.

September 2026: Winter 102- It's crunch time! There isn't much time left in the beekeeping season, and now every decision counts. In this class, you will see how the season's decisions prepared us for winter and what to do if their food stores are low, or the bee population is down.

October 2026: Winter 103- Thanks for a great season, see you in the spring! In this class, you will get the bees ready for winter. You will learn what the bees do to survive, how to set up boxes, and how to insulate the hive.