



## Beekeeping Consultation Services

### **Beekeeping & Wild Pollinator Land Management Consultative Services:**

We are happy to discuss creating a custom proposal to manage beehives on your property and/or help you develop land management processes that are geared toward managed and wild pollinators thriving on your land. We are open to traveling up to 2 hours one way from downtown Austin to perform these specialized apicultural services on a regular basis. We are open to all options including selling or leasing our hives with used or new equipment, as well as, management and education options for each to include honey portioning. Please let us know if you are interested in discussing this and we will work with you to find a win-win solution! We want you to be able to take advantage of recent state legislation encouraging landowners to have managed colonies of honeybees on their property for special tax exemption purposes (agricultural special valuation for honey bees). You may find more information on this below.

### **Agricultural Exemption with Honey Bees**

Do you own between 5 to 20 acres? Are you interested in saving hundreds and possibly even thousands of dollars on your property taxes each year? Size of qualifying acreage is not less than 5 or more than 20 acres. Remember that the definition is for agriculture use, as losing an acre or more to a homestead exemption has to be accounted for on acreage count portion for the agricultural exemption. Please contact your local county appraisal district for guidance and minimum requirements, as per state law.

**Realize the landowner does not have to own the bees. You may lease the bees from a beekeeper.** Again, keep accurate and complete records. The wording of the law states "the use of land to raise or keep bees for pollination or for the production of human food or other tangible products having a commercial value."

We are happy to help you determine if your land will be suitable for bees beyond just having them there for possible taxation benefits. For more information on your particular county, please contact your tax appraisal district directly to garner more information for them and if it is worth investigating further. Thank you and happy beekeeping folks!