



Nucleus Starter Colonies of Honeybees

We are pleased to be able to offer nucs again this year. They will be very strong 5 frame nucs that consist of 3 frames of brood both sides and 2 frames of honey and pollen both sides. All frames will be drawn out and fully utilized by the bees. The queens will be laying on the frames and fully accepted by the bees. The nuc will be ready to be placed in your bee hive ASAP and should be fed sugar water immediately to get them to draw out their remaining frames in their new bee hive. We suggest the one gallon in hive frame feeder as the best way to feed bees. We guarantee the strength and vitality of our fresh queens. They are gentle and are mostly Italian strain with some feral wild Texas genetics which add good hygienic behavior and traits which the bees need to help fend off pests. There is no such thing as "mite or pest resistant" bees-- don't be fooled. All bees are susceptible to mites and pests, including wild feral Texas and Africanized colonies of honeybees, just less so due to their more aggressive nature.

Remember, your nuc is in a man-made box and not the cavity of a tree like in nature. You must actively manage your new colony which means treating for mites and small hive beetles as appropriate as part of an integrated pest management approach. We advocate the use of natural and organic methods to control pests. We will not be responsible for the decline of your nuc due to neglect to actively manage pests in your colony. Our queens come just like nature provides them which means we do not clip their wings or mark them with paint. We have found that doing either of those things makes the queens more susceptible to being "superceded", which means that the new queen is replaced by the hive. The bees also chew off the marking paint rather quickly thus rendering it useless. Remember, that if you have a solid brood pattern, then you have an excellent healthy queen and you don't have to go looking for her all the time. We guarantee the vitality our queens for 30 days from when you receive your nuc and we will replace them for any reason outside of your control. All nucs will be shipped UPS or delivered by us locally in Austin, TX. You will enjoy working with these bees and we wish you all the best with your beekeeping.

Best,

Raul.