

# The Michigan Beekeepers Association

Membership in the Michigan Beekeepers' Association supports Michigan bees and beekeepers. When you become a member of the Michigan Beekeepers Association (MBA), you are joining the oldest continuously operating agricultural organization in the state of Michigan, and one of the oldest beekeeping clubs in the country. Since 1865, MBA has actively supported research for Michigan beekeeping, beekeepers, and promoted Michigan beekeeping through educational programs, legislative advocacy, and community outreach. As the only statewide organization, MBA coordinates and cooperates with over 20 local organizations to provide, support, education, and resources for beekeepers around the state. The Michigan Beekeepers Association is a voice of beekeepers in Michigan, working closely with researchers and policymakers to promote our bees and our industry.

## Your support and membership of the Michigan Beekeepers Association helps support its activities, including the following:

- MBA acts as an umbrella organization for our local clubs – it provides start-up funding and insurance coverage to help offset costs for smaller organizations.
- MBA has provided thousands of dollars to directly support honey bee research.
- MBA supports citizen science projects to battle honey bee pests.
- MBA hosts a large beekeeping conference during MSU Ag Week with MSU extension, bringing in nationally renowned speakers and dozens of vendors to educate and serve hundreds of beekeepers.
- MBA is an active part of creating statewide guidelines, including the GAAMPS.
- MBA hosts a fall conference in that travels around the state, and a summer picnic to bring beekeepers together.
- MBA has donated hives and supplies to schools and organizations to teach beekeeping.
- MBA provides educational coloring books and honey sticks free of charge to groups hosting beekeeping educational events.
- MBA prints materials to promote honey bees and beekeeping for travel centers throughout the state.
- The Michigan Beekeepers Association supports beekeepers and beekeeping. You can support the Michigan Beekeepers with your membership.

[Visit our membership page to become a member.](#)

## By becoming a member of the MBA, you can enjoy the following benefits:

- Meet and mingle with other beekeepers, people who share your passion for these amazing insects.
- Discounts on subscriptions to the American Bee Journal, Bee Culture, and The Speedy Bee magazines.
  - To receive a discount on bee magazines simply call the magazine's order line to order or renew your subscription. Ask for the MBA discount at that time and they will apply it to your order. Very easy and a great benefit of membership in the MBA!
- Have a voice in legislation that directly affects beekeepers.
- Take advantage of special learning opportunities: workshops, hands-on classes, statewide meetings & events.
- Access to some of the most knowledgeable and talented speakers available.
- Registration discounts on spring and fall conferences.
- Free listing on the [Swarm Removal](#) and [Honey Locator](#) map on the MBA web site.
- Stay connected with Michigan State University resources.
- Have input on the [Michigan Pollinator Protection Plan](#).
- Share information with State of Michigan Apiarist.

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Have ideas, or want to get involved? We would love to hear from you. MBA is entirely volunteer-run and depends on beekeepers who are willing to share their time, ideas, voices, or other support. If you would like to help beekeepers in your state, [contact your district representative, or the MBA to become more involved.](#)

Beekeepers tend to be a highly involved group of folks who rarely pass on an opportunity to promote the business of keeping honey bees. When asked why someone should join the MBA, we often turn this question around and ask 'Why wouldn't you want to support the number one beekeeping advocacy group in Michigan?'

