

Resources for Beekeepers

Antibiotic Request Form: The Florida State Beekeepers Association hosts an online request portal for Florida registered beekeepers to utilize for free to request a prescription for antibiotics for their hives. Requests are sent to FDACS for review and are then submitted to a UF Veterinarian for approval. Registered beekeepers may submit a request for antibiotics using this link: www.beeVFD.com

AES (bee kill, pesticide misuse, pest control, etc.): 850-617-7900 or AESCares@FDACS.gov

Bee Clubs: Beekeepers can join the Florida State Beekeeper's Association, or the association can be a resource to connect beekeepers with their local associations: www.flstatebeekeepers.com

FDACS (general info, find local apiary inspector, pay registration fees, etc.): www.FDACS.gov

Honey Samples: There is a directory of testing labs on the National Honey Board's website: <https://www.honey.com/honey-industry/regulation/honey-testing-labs>

For the national survey, we use:

USDA lab in Gastonia, NC;

~\$400/sample to test for around 200 residues

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Irradiation Facility: Sterigenics, Inc. 518-886-8313

University of Florida Honey Bee Lab: The UF Bee Lab has many resources for beekeepers, such as the monthly management calendar that can be found on their Melitto File Blog, as well as information about the UF Master Beekeeper Program and Bee College www.UFHoneybee.com

US Apiary Inspection Directory: www.apiaryinspectors.org

Varroa Management: The Honey Bee Health Coalition has FREE Varroa resources <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

Virus Samples: Beekeepers may send samples to labs to get bees tested for viruses.

Dave Wick at BVS, Inc.

Shipping address for samples: BVS, Inc., 795 Porter Hill Rd., Stevensville, MT 59870

Email: mrwick@bvs.inc.us

\$100/sample to test for viruses and pesticide class

Research Associates Laboratory

www.vetdna.com

Sample form provided on website

\$25/diagnostic test performed