

Annual Beekeeping Symposium

**Alabama Cooperative Extension System
Alabama Beekeepers' Association**

Lowder Business Building
415 West Magnolia Avenue
Auburn University, Alabama
February 4, 2012

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. James E. Tew, Beekeeping Specialist, ACES – Moderator
Dr. Paul W. Brown, Associate Director, ACES Administration
Mr. Phillip Garrison – President, Alabama Beekeepers' Association

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

KEYNOTE: *The Honey Bee's Evolving Role in the Green Movement*
Dr. James E. Tew, Beekeeping Specialist, ACES

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

General Session - *Regulatory Update from the Alabama Department of Agriculture*
Dennis Barclift, State Apiarist, Alabama Department of Agriculture (Specific topic coming in Dec, 2011)

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

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General Session – *Trees for Bees- Conserving Both*
Sallie Lee, Urban Regional Extension Agent, Horticulture, ACES, Birmingham, AL

Alternative Session – *Alabama's New Master Beekeeper Program – Is it for You?*
David Kelton, Alabama Master Beekeeper Coordinator

For the New Beekeeper - *Getting into Beekeeping: What's Required?*
David Ellis, Alabama Beekeepers' Association

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. Breakout sessions:

The Sustainable Backyard – The Role of Bees Colonies
Damon Wallace, Vice President, Alabama Beekeepers' Association

General Session - *Futuristic Protective Hive Coatings for the Beehive – a Report*
Dr. John Hurst & Dr. Michael Steinkamph, Alabama Beekeepers' Association

Alternative Session – *Cooking with Honey Demonstration*

Patti West, ACES Regional Extension Agent

For the New Beekeeper – *How to Market Your Honey Crop*

Bill Mullins - Alabama Beekeepers' Association and commercial beekeeper

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch – Provided by the Alabama Beekeepers' Association
Open Beehive Demonstration – (Weather dependent)

1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Breakout session:

The Sustainable Backyard – Bee Plants in the Landscape

Kerry Smith, State Outreach Programs, Horticulture, ACES

Alternative Session – *Using Everything (and I Mean Everything) From the Hive*

Elizabeth Whitaker, Alabama Beekeepers' Association

Alabama Beekeepers' Association Board Meeting

Phillip Garrison, President, Alabama Beekeepers' Association

For the New Beekeeper – *Some Useful Pointers on Bee Biology*

Jeff Lee - Alabama Beekeepers' Association

2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Breakout session:

The Sustainable Backyard – Vegetable Gardening and Bees

Dani Carroll, Home Grounds, Gardens and Home Pests, ACES

General Session – *Entering the Welsh Honey Show - What Should You Expect?*

Damon Wallace and Lynne Kelton, Honey Judges, Alabama Beekeepers Association

General Session - *The Cell Punch Method of Queen Production*

Wil Montgomery, Alabama State Beekeeper

For the New Beekeeper - *An Introduction to Beekeeping Equipment*

Allyson Andrews, President, Central Alabama Beekeepers Association

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Evaluation & Door Prizes