

Bill's Honey Farm

INVOICE, STATEMENT & SHIPPING ORDER NO: BHF-0000 AVAILABILITY FOR: MAY 2019

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| SOLD TO CUSTOMER PO # Business name: Name : Mailing Address: Phone: Cell: E mail: Source: Hive No.: | SHIP BY: OWN TRUCK SHIP TO: Address: PRODUCT : QUANTITY : PACKAGING: |
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| Available/ sold | WHEN AND PRODUCT | EACH | TOTAL |
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| 1-24 | FULL SIZE COLONY to produce honey. Standard deep box top and bottom 10 fully drawn comb of honey pollen and 6 combs of brood in various stages of development. Over wintered mated queen of Vernon stock. | 400.00 | |
| 1-24 | With full size colonies SECOND BOX for expansion and wintering. Standard deep box: 8 fully drawn frames 2 with food, and 2 frame 4 litre feeder divider, comb honey producer .With two 7x7 "comb honey sections. | 100.00 | |
| 1-24 | Queen Excluders Metal boil washed | 10.00 | |
| 1-58+15 | 6 5/8 Extracting supers Fully drawn and wet from honey newer used for brood Usually 2 per colony are required and Custom extraction is available from us. | 45.00 | |
| 1-20 | 4 frame NUKES into your prepared box with drawn comb NO FOUNDATION Shipping boxes extra. | 200.00 | |
| | Tested MATED breeder QUEENS in 8 frame + feeder Expandable nuke. | 350.00 | |
| | QUEEN cells in protectors In person only with proper incubator | 10.00 | |
| | CAGED VIRGINS In person or it can be mailed | 12.00 | |
| | MAILING QUEENS OR VIRGINS in up to 20 In JZBZ box add \$ 10. For box + add postage. | | |
| Cells & Virgins FOR RE_ QUEENING AND MATING YOUR OWN QUEENS MUST BE ORDERED BY MAY 1 ST | | | |
| | Late may ARTIFICIAL SWARMS Into your drawn comb, box, bottom, and top. | 250.00 | |

This sale: **TOTAL: \$**
 \$ 100 NON RETURNABLE DEPOSIT: on full hives nukes or swarms 50% on smaller orders \$

BALANCE PAYABLE on pick up CASH OR CHEQUES \$

PLEASE REED THE PAGE 2. If YOU COME WITHOUT PROPERLY PREPARED EQUIPMENT THE CONTRACT WILL BE VOID AND YOU LOOS YOUR DEPOSIT,

**FULL STRENGTH COLONIES FROM THE OKANAGAN
DID YOU LOSE YOUR BEES? ARE YOU EXPANDING? GIVE ME A CALL.
SUCESFUL BEEKIPING IS IN FULLY DRAWN COMB.**

What is Full strength colony IN MAY? Simply full box of bees. 10 drawn deep combs, 5-6 combs of brood in various stage of development. Mated in June 2018 overwintered Queen. Rest of honey and pollen,

For NEW BEES The 4 frame nuke or package or artificial swarm in dry areas of Okanagan /Thompson / Similkamen and Kootenai will not do it in 2 boxes of foundation, as there are not enough bees and honey flow usually ends by mid July. You have to have good honey flow for whole summer or be prepared to feed lot of heavy syrup. It takes 7 Lbs of honey to produce 1 Lbs of wax.

Or you can buy two high colony of fully drawn Comb with honey

FOR REPLACEMENT or INCREASE for those who had DRAWN comb.

MAY units: Can be split into 5- 4 frames nukes. You have 1 mated Queen and we can supply CAGED VIRGINS to mate with proper mature drones coming with those units. You can rear your own Queens of Vernon stock from it.

YOU CAN BUY CELS OR CAGED WIRGINS AND DO YOUR OWN SPLITS.

Our STD deep hives are on migratory pollination double bottoms and tops. If you prefer single equipment:

You bring your bottoms and tops entrance screen and tie or your can buy ours.

Units are inspected in flying weather and left packed on place where they were to collect all field bees by darkness Than screened, loaded and taken to your home.

QUEEN RIGHT 5 FRAMES ARTIFICIAL SWARMS

We sold many swarms in past and are teaching others call me and I pass on your order.

What is a swarm? Simply put; the swarm is a better way to sell bees for the buyer who lost bees and has all drawn comb with stores. And the seller in Okanagan where drawing of comb is difficult. It is a good replacement for nukes and packages in a usual northern beekeeping system. It is a full size colony which will produce a full or better crop in the summer.

We produce Swarms between May 20th and June 1st, after our hives return well fed and strong from tree fruit pollination. You bring your box ahead of time and we call you when to pick it up for first round shaking, or for second round bring it in morning and pick it up full of bees in evening.

We establish full size colony (the swarm) in your equipment. First we move our hive from its location and put your box in its place. Then we find the queen, and transfer her on your comb and into your box. Then we shake 50% of house bees of the hive into your box. We place our brood over previously selected hives to incubate and emerge. All the hive field bees will return to your box by night. What happens next? We have actually created an artificial swarming and the bee's survival instincts does the rest. The queen is laying 2000+ eggs a day and in a few days most of the combs will be laid in. Therefore, by the time you get the swarm home you are just about ready to put on a second box.

**EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE – PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR IT. WE DO NOT WANT YOUR AFB.
BUYING SWARMS PREVENTS GETTING IT AS ALL EQUILMENT IS TREATED.**

INSTRUCTION:

For each swarm we will require deep box with **10 drawn self spacing frames** including honey, pollen and space for the queen to lay. 20-25 lbs of honey and pollen is required because your swarm will consume 4-5 lbs of honey a day. You want to get them home alive, and with the queen laying, not starving. If you do not have any pollen in the combs bring pollen patty in a pail. **Do not press pollen substitute into comb. Choose your best and cleanest equipment.** The bottom board should be firmly attached (screwed to the box). Burlap or carpet inner cover, top cover and **proper entrance screen.** **Make sure that it is bee tight. Do not use 9 frame spacers, or non spacing frames! The frames will swing during transport squashing bees and resulting in queen losses.**

We guarantee a minimum of 5 frames of bees per hive with a proven laying queen; you will see it. There will be open brood to prove it in drawn comb. Before you load you examine the hives, count the frames of bees and brood and check for eggs as proof of queen. We will be there and correct any discrepancy you may find.

Tell us now or for ever hold your peace.

Lastly we settle the bill. That is where our responsibility ends.

You are responsible for screening, netting, arranging and tying down your load.

If you do things right and know how to transport bees you should not have any queen losses. Do not disturb them and do not check them twice each week. Just give them a second well stocked box or some feed and leave them alone, they know what they are doing. Then even up the hives before the main honey flow.

ADVANTAGES

You get a much stronger unit (with a proven laying queen) than what you would from a two pound package or Nuke with imported Queen in April.

REFERENCES, HISTORY and FUTURE: In 1988 we ran a 10 swarm” test. In 1989 100 swarms went to the Peace River area averaging 7 pounds each and they did great. In 1990 John Gates from the BC Apiculture Program ran tests and found this a very workable system. Call me if you want to see that article.

| J. Ballard | 780-957-2533 | 1991 | 150 Swarms | Average; 3 days after shaking | | |
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| D. Elias | 250-562-1655 | 1991,2,3,4,6,7, | 80 | Combs of; | Bees | Brood |
| F. Miedema | 780-674-6333 | 1992,6, | 400 | 1992 | 7.3 | 2.9 |
| Jay De Young | 403-362-5416 | 1993,4 | 150 | 1993 | 7.4 | 3.1 |
| J. Johnson | 250-992-7940 | 1993,4 | 20 | 1993 | 8.6 | 3.7 |
| N. Greidanus | 780-939-7325 | 1994 | 280 | 1994 | 8.5 | 3.2 |
| J. Guerin | 403-359-3606 | 1995 | 500 | 1995 | 8.2 | 3.5 |
| M. Parady | 780-954-2642 | 1996 | 50 | 1996 | 8.6 | 2.8 |
| Ch. Alen | 403-527-6898 | 1997 | 440 | 1997 | 8.7 | 2.9 |

In 1998 at age of 68 I decided to reduce the operation and sell the equipment in form of 4 frame nukes.

In 2013 with raising problems with AFB we are back to the method of SWARMS which eliminates AFB transfer.

D. Crumback 250 -254-1876 in 2013 - 15 took the first round 39 and various locals took the second round of 13.

In 2019 I will sell rest of my hives but will mentor participants in the bee Breeder circle, who want to produce artificial swarms, and maintain Vernon stock, sell cells and caged virgins of Vernon stock, and MiteGone Treatment to public.