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Meeting Information & Agenda

- ✓ The December meeting will be a pot-luck! The club is bringing fried chicken and drinks. We are asking the member to bring side dishes like vegetables, breads, desserts. Monday 12/11/17 @ 7pm, at the: Johnston County Livestock Arena. 520 County Home Rd, Smithfield, NC 27577
- ✓ 2018 Executive Board is:
 - > President – Barney Biles
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- ✓ Reminder that memberships for 2018 are due ([link](#))
- ✓ Reminder to renew your NCSBA membership for 2018 ([link](#))
- ✓ Meeting topic for January is Equipment & What should I be reading?

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BEE Basics coming in 2018!

Starting in January:
We will be beginning "BEE Basics" it's a general talk held before each meeting. At 6:30 - 6:55. The purpose is to gain basic info for NEW Beekeepers & Reminders for experienced Beekeepers.

Big Thank You to our 2017 Board Members!

Thanks for taking your time and volunteering for this task!

Bee School 2018

We are excited energized and gearing up for 2018 Bee School early next year! Coming soon!

Merry Christmas!

*Merry
Christmas*

Have a story? Would you like to be featured in the newsletter?

Please submit your request to Newsletter@jacobee.org

Businesses and Services

Businesses and Services offered by JCBA are listed on our website at ([click here](#))

Native Plants for Bees!

Link for native plants good for bees ([click here](#))

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This Month's Bee Tips!

From: Nancy Ruppert, Apiary Inspector, NCDA & CS
CALENDAR FOR BEEKEEPING IN CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA

December

- ☑ Combine hives that are weak/have failing queens.
- ☑ Feed thick syrup if needed (i.e., if not more than one super of honey stored up).
- ☑ Consider insulating smaller hives (those with 4 or fewer frames of bees).
- ☑ Sell honey to Christmas gift shoppers.
- ☑ Year-end review/assessment of apiary success/challenges.
- ☑ Leave bees alone, if possible. (Take a break---you probably need it by now!)

North Carolina Beehive Grant Fund

Registration opened! (10/16)

The grant portal is open! You can upload scans or pics of your id and certificate (which was great because I'm just geeky enough to have mine framed and hadn't been looking forward to taking it out of the frame)! Also, there isn't any need to explain your plans for the hives. Portal link <http://fs30.formsite.com/ADFPTTrustFund/form22/index.html>

Hive Map

Hey members, if you have not already. Let the webmaster@jacobee.org or at the monthly meeting let me know the address you would like to have show up on the member hive map. It's fun to see how close other beekeepers are to your bee yard as well as bee saturation in your area in addition to how many drones might be mating with your newly hatched queen! We take privacy in mind! So your address is not displayed or your exact location only a small radius is displayed. I encourage you to get on the map. Talk to the board or your fellow members to find out more. The Hive map is located online (not open to the public) behind a members only password section at <http://www.jacobee.org/members-area/hive-map/>

11 questions the new beekeeper should answer first

What are your goals?

First up, step back and think about the reasons why you are interested in beekeeping.

- Is it to help the planet?
- To be close to nature?
- To pollinate your garden or orchard?
- To learn more about the fascinating little creatures?

- Or is the potential for honey what attracts you most?
- Who will I involve?
- What type of hive will I use?
- How many hives will I start with?
- Is it legal?
- Do I have a good location?
- Will I follow a natural beekeeping philosophy?
- What race of bees should I choose?
- Where do I obtain my bees?
- Will I join a club?
- How can I keep track?

[\(Read the full article here\)](#)

GenX compound now detected in food product in N. Carolina

The unregulated compound found in more than 80 drinking water wells near a chemical company's manufacturing facility in North Carolina has been found in a food product for the first time.

Tests found honey collected by a farmer about 2 miles southwest of the Chemours Co. plant outside Fayetteville had levels of the potentially harmful compound GenX nearly 15 times higher than the health goal set by state officials, The StarNews of Wilmington reported

The result was reported by an analytical chemistry laboratory that the farmer hired to test his honey before reporting the results to state health officials, who advised environmental regulators, state Department of Environmental Quality spokeswoman Laura Leonard said Tuesday.

The farmer shared the honey with family and friends and doesn't sell it, but agreed to dispose of it after concerns raised by state environmental officials, state waste management director Michael Scott said Monday. ([read full article](#))

Did you see this?

Wildfires in California, there are beehives burning also. Here is a beekeeper returning to what's left of his apiary.

