

LOCATING YOUR APIARY



MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- ① Safe for public and neighbors (& family)
- ② Good Forage for the Bees
- ③ Safe Environment for the Bees
- ④ Accessible & Convenient
- ⑤ Size



SAFETY

- ① How close to people? Animals?
- ② Keep good tempered bees
- ③ Hedges raise flight paths
- ④ Out of sight, out of mind good maxim



FORAGE

- ① Best bees can't overcome bad location – this requires feeding
- ② Water source nearby
- ③ Pollen & nectar sources seasonally – pollen substitute & syrup Jan.-March
- ④ Open fields near forest with creek



ENVIRONMENT

- ① Slightly sheltered – early sun
- ② East / Southeast facing
- ③ Elevated - no marshy / wet areas – dry
- ④ Fenced from livestock
- ⑤ Know what farmers are spraying



ACCESSIBLE

- ① Close to home
- ② Convenience in / out of apiary
- ③ Minimal walking / carrying
- ④ Level is easier
- ⑤ Stands vs pallets argument



SIZING

- ① Allow for movement around hives
- ② Don't line up hives & facing together
- ③ Space between hives to avoid drift
- ④ 10 hives or less per apiary (forage?)



FINDING YOUR LOCATION

- ① Farmers are our friends
- ② Talk to friends / other beeks
- ③ Check out the site & review this checklist
- ④ Moving is not easy, but it can be done



LOCATION CHECKLIST

- ① Close to home
- ② Open fields near forest with creek, near housing subdivision (1/2 – 1 mile)
- ③ Just inside locked gate / accessible
- ④ Dry location
- ⑤ Slightly sheltered – early sun



QUESTIONS?

