

# Joco Beekeepers

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the  
Johnston County Beekeepers Association



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## Meeting Information & Agenda

- ✓ **NO** July Meeting.
- ✓ Be sure and check out the recent updates to the JCBA website.
- ✓ Free door prizes
- ✓ Right around the corner JCBA membership ([link](#))
- ✓ Right around the corner NCSBA membership ([link](#))

## BEE Basics before each meeting!

"BEE Basics" is 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.

## July Field Trip

20th Queen Rearing demonstration. 9 am - 3:40 Little Creek Church Rd.



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

Please submit your request to [Newsletter@jacobee.org](mailto: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 [\(click here\)](#)

Like us on social media 

## This Month's Bee Tips!

- ☑ May harvest some (or all) of honey; may continue late-season splits; continue beetle controls; keep water available for bees.
- ☑ Attend NCSBA annual Summer Meeting, if possible (usually mid-July) ---great learning opportunity!
- ☑ Get supers on for cotton honey, if hives near cotton fields.
- ☑ Replace failing queens; consider replacing any queen that is two years old or older.
- ☑ Can begin annual varroa assessment, and treat if needed/practical.



## Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program

Here is a message that was sent to all chapter clubs for all members from Rick Coor the past NCSBA President; North Carolina Beekeepers, The USDA has a program for beekeepers that have certain honey bee losses. Please refer to the Farm Service Agency's Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program Fact Sheet for more information. The website is [www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/2018/elap\\_fact\\_sheet\\_april2018.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/2018/elap_fact_sheet_april2018.pdf)

Please contact your local Farm Service Agency for assistance.

Paul Newbold

### Traditional beekeeping in Nigeria



## Where does pollinator week come from? A brief History of Pollinator Week and its impact on supporting pollinators.



The history of pollinator week, although short, has been very impactful in the United States and around the world.

On September 21, 2006, the US Senate created a National Pollinator Week to "recognize the importance of pollinators to our ecosystem health and agriculture." Every year since the inception, the week has grown in support and activities to educate and explore the world of pollinators.

The official resolution states the importance of pollinators to our food system, the economy and the overall health of the American population. In the wording, it also recognizes some possible outcomes if pollinators are not supported.

In turn, the senate ensured a partnership between federal government and the Pollinator Partnership to work on improving the ecosystem for pollinators. Also recognizing the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, managed by the Coevolution Institute, public and private partnership is important to the success and stability in maintaining health of pollinators.

Overall, this action has grown via a grass roots effort and in 2019; all but 1 state officially proclaimed that "Pollinator Week" would be declared a recognized event. [You can check out the list of states that proclaimed 2019 Pollinator Week here.](#)

Overall, the Pollinator Partnership has been an increasingly inclusive organization asking everyone to participate... even if it's just sharing a social media post... [#pollinatorweek](#)

Some say this week has caused great improvements in passing legislation supporting pollinator health, or at least minimizing the negative impacts. Several bills have been introduced to take actions related to pesticide use that may affect pollinators. While there have been an array of recommendations, including suspending the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, via the "[Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2015.](#)"

Additionally, the house committee on transportation and infrastructure introduced a bill to improve pollinator environment and ecosystem along highways via the "[Highways, Bettering the Economy and Environment Pollinator Protection Act.](#)" This would authorize the improvement of habitat and forage for pollinators adjacent to some highways.

All in all, people from all walks of life and background are getting involved in the movement. This event now crosses national borders into Canada, Mexico and even some countries in Europe.

We know that at Beepods, we are just one small part of this. We hope you get involved in your community and email us at [info@beepods.com](mailto:info@beepods.com) if you need some ideas. Stay tuned this week as we walk through some of our other favorite pollinators that are not honey bees.

If you want to get involved in pollinator week, here are some great resources to check out below for ideas to use in your community.

### Bee Fun Facts

1. A worker bee can carry a load of nectar or pollen equal to 80% of her own body weight.
2. Bees have 2 stomachs – one for eating, and one for storing nectar.
3. Every bee colony has its own distinct scent so that members can identify each other.
4. Bees create wax in a special gland on their stomach, which they then chew to form honeycomb.

