Bees on the school farm
Why bother with bees?
Your produce choices *with* bees

Your produce choices *without* bees

Your dairy choices *without* bees
Bees are useful...

An intimate view of another organism

Bees need beekeepers
Bees fit in odd spaces
Why not bees?
Bees don’t take holidays
Beekeeping is animal husbandry
Physical work

Sometimes dirty

Often sticky

With added stings
It’s not all bad!
Ecology and context
Pollinators
Pollinating by hand
Roles for honey bees
Life-changing for some
Insect hotel
Love your weeds
Extending the farm

Image: 5th St Farm Project NY
Ceres Community Farm
Melbourne

Apiary
Bee foraging range:
3 miles +
Ceres
Urban Beekeepers
contributing to urban farm
Getting started?
Training, Mentorship and Support

Image: Pembrokeshire BKA training apiary
BBKA – Training Qualification and Assessment Framework

Introduction to Beekeeping Courses

Practical Assessment

Junior Certificate

Basic Certificate

Oral Assessment

Written Examinations
1. Honeybee Management
2. Products and Forage
3. Pests, Diseases and Poisoning
4. Honeybee Biology
5. Honeybee Behaviour
6. Selection and Breeding
7. Management, Health and History

Module 1
Module 2
Module 3
Module 4
Module 5
Module 6
Module 7
Module 8

Modules 1, 2, 3 & one other

Intermediate Theory Certificate

Qualified Beekeeper

Advanced Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry

Practical Assessment

M1 + M2 or General Certificate

Practical Assessment & Experience

Show Judge

Master Beekeeper

The Master Beekeeper Qualification is an appropriate pre-requisite for the National Diploma in Beekeeping
Anaphylaxis is uncommon but life threatening.
A safe environment
Equipment – lots of it
Info and Resources

• Other schools with apiaries
• Companies that could assist in setup or management (e.g. Plan Bee)
• The British Beekeepers’ Association
• Your local beekeepers’ club / friendly beekeepers
• The National Bee Unit – lots of advice on their website + real people
• Books – a wide selection
• YouTube – instructional videos, some excellent, some otherwise
• The web – lots of info but need to be judicious