

Nucs and Packages Suppliers



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Only a fraction of bee suppliers west of the Cascades in Washington is listed here. The purpose of this list is to give beekeepers just a taste of how many possibilities there are. Often we are not aware of what is available in our locale.

This is only an aid to beekeepers researching bees available in alphabetical order. No recommendation or referral is made or intended. SnoKing Beekeepers receives no monies or income for placing bee suppliers on this list.

Please do not rely on the information given below; verify and confirm everything. Prices, availability, pickup times and points are usually subject to change, particularly due to weather at point of origin or pickup. Commercially produced nucs/packages arrive April to May. However most locally produced nucs are ready no earlier than those, often later, but also available throughout the summer. Most nucs are 5 frames deep; most packages are 3 lbs, but always ask.

One pleasant surprise this year is the availability of medium frame (vs. deep frame only) nucs from a couple sources.

Please read all information available on websites and do your research for each supplier even before calling them. Remember: "If you ask a better question, you get a better answer."

Verify the information below because 2022 prices and information may still be mixed in with the 2023 updates.

Packages are no longer recommended for first-year beekeepers in Western Washington after last spring's below average temperatures. First-year beekeepers are overall better off with nucs than with packages, even if paying a little more. For more information or the reasoning behind this recommendation, call Eli Ocheltree 206-859-7392.

Apex Apiary

www.apex-apiary.com

info@apex-apiary.com

Small family based apiary and farm

Mossy Elk Farm on Olympic Peninsula

Has secured a purchase arrangement with the only supplier of CERTIFIED Saskatraz bees!

Call Ashley 360-460-7221 to order before the purchase order cut off!

Delivery in mid-April 2023.

Price list for Saskatraz queens and nucs:

5 frame nucs in plastic box \$200

3lbs Packages \$190

Queens \$55 ea

Other queens such as Carniolan/ Italian may be available

Pickup date in April and location in the Port Angeles area TBD.

Avalon Apiaries

Anthony Pauly

Ferndale, WA

802-324-5769

Anthony.pauly_jr@yahoo.com avalonapiaries@yahoo.com

<https://www.avalonapiaries.com/bee-colonies>

Check website for dropoff points at Ridgefield, Tumwater and Arlington and in Oregon.

Early Bird Pricing:

The price will go up as of April 1 2023 to \$185 per nucleus:

2023 Nucleus Colonies Full Payment After April 1st, \$185

Reserve your 2023 Nucleus Colony now by paying a \$50 deposit.

Available around the second or third week of April 2023 (weather dependent).

Note: In 2022 – had some medium frame and top bar nucs.

The Bee Club at 21 Acres Farm

apiary@21acres.org

2023 deep frame nuc - \$250

These nucs are made from locally overwintered queens at 21 Acres Farm, Woodinville. Considered a survivor stock, great honey producers, good at overwintering, and very calm and gentle. Pick-up in Woodinville about May - TBD. Deposit of \$125 needed to reserve.

Contact me at apiary@21acres.org to reserve yours. Nan Affleck Hardt.

Beeline of Washington

360-280-5274

beelineofwa@norcell.us

19019 Moon Rd. SW, Rochester, WA 98579

Beekeeping equipment.

Choice of Italian or Carniolan bees:

3 lb package \$145; 4 lb. package \$165, 5-frame nuc \$175, marked queen \$50.

These need to be preordered online at www.beelinewoodenware.com

Queens from CA throughout the summer.

Bees in the burbs: Norm

28634 Maple Valley Black Diamond Rd SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038

(425) 432-1213

Nothing about nucs on website but found this online:

"To reserve a nuc or package, a \$50 deposit OR a \$100 deposit (and with the \$100 deposit receive a coupon for a pollen patty) preferably received by April 1, 2023. The remaining balance will be payable upon receipt of the nuc. Please note that this deposit is non-refundable & non-transferrable (unless for some reason the nucs don't become available, then you'll receive a full refund) and is needed for each nuc or package ordered.

The total cost of a nuc is estimated to be +/- \$190.00. You can either send a check to Bees in the Burbs, 28634 Maple Valley Black Diamond Rd. SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038 or stop by the store (Monday thru Sunday, 9am-5pm) and pay with cash, check or credit card. Note if you mail a check, please include your phone # & email address."

Birds & Bees Vashon

www.birdsandbeesvashon.com

dacypher@comcast.net

<https://vashonbees.tumblr.com/>

David Skrzypek

11310 103rd Ave SW

Vashon, WA 98070

(By appointment only)

info@birdsandbeesvashon.com

206-463-4424

Birds and Bees Vashon is a family operation based on beautiful Vashon Island, Washington, in the Pacific Northwest.

We build custom top bar hives, chicken coops, raise queen honeybees and nucs, and help new beekeepers. Our honeybees are raised on island without any chemical treatments.

We want to hear from you! If you need information beekeeping related and don't see it on this site, chances are that we can probably still assist. Please note: We see customers by appointment only. Thank you for your interest!

Cascade Natural Honey

Bellevue, WA

Cary Therriault 206.920.2150 cktherriault@comcast.net

<https://cascadenaturalhoney.com>

See the FAQs page for more information.

Nucs provided w/ Laying Queen, in Plastic or Wooden Nuc Box

Nucs with Italian or New World Carniolan Queen. 5 frames of drawn comb, brood, stored pollen & nectar, bees & a laying queen. Contact Us to place your order before April 15th. Pick up in Bellevue, WA.

3 lb package with native queen (Italian or Carniolan). Packages must be ordered by April 10th. Pickup will be in Bellevue, WA. Package Bee delivery date is approximated April 26.

Queens available for pick up in Bellevue beginning late April.

Dolce Bella Bees

253-380-2327 Andy Matelich 253-683-0789 (texting preferred)

Alisa Shorey- shoreyhousehold@hotmail.com

Bee Packages will be available for pick up on April 16 and 17th starting at 9 AM

\$150.00 per package For Italians

190.00 for a Carniolan

195.00 for Saskatraz Bees.

Queens are available for all breeds mentioned above.

Packages only; no nucs.

Orders must be placed by April 1, 2023.

Address for pick up is 7415 276th Street East, Graham 98338

Elite Honey and Bee

Dave Schiefelbein

(206) 633-2828

davechief@yahoo.com

<https://elitehoneyandbee.com>

Pickup at 3038 WALNUT AVE. SW, SEATTLE, WA

First of two pickups is tentatively scheduled for mid-April.

Order in advance per prep/setup times given.

Choice of Italian, New World Carniolan or Caucasian for packages and nucs.

3lb package - \$179.50

5-frame nuc - \$267.57 in wooden box, \$20 refund if box returned. Set up 4+ weeks prior to sale. We call them "aged" nucs. They have been professionally patterned and graded. All brood comes from the queen that is included in the nuc.

Mated queens - \$50, available starting with first April pickup, probably mid-April. Prep time 4+ weeks prior to sale.

GooBees Farm

Mount Vernon, Washington

<https://www.goopees.farm/main-page> (360) 395 8339

2022 Prices below, call for 2023 prices

5 Frame Honeybee NUC

\$200 plus a \$40 refundable NUC box deposit = \$240.00

\$50 deposit on a 10 Frame Honeybee Colony 2022 – \$300

10 frame colonies include a hive body, bottom board, migratory lid, 1 Queen, 6 frames of brood, 4 frames of resources.

Hive 5 Bees

Kevin Mills or Chris

360-706-4978 (Chris), 757-376-2821 (cell)

RochesterBees@gmail.com

www.Hive5Bees.com

10020 Hwy 12 SW, Rochester, WA 98579

To order: call Chris at 360-706-4978, or go to www.Hive5Bees.com.

Mostly Carniolan, Some Italian: 5 frame NUCs

1-4 nucs: \$179.95

5-9 nucs: \$174.95

Miller Compound Honey Bees and Agriculture

Lauri Miller

(253) 320-9058 (text preferred)

Roy, Washington 98580

jloutdoors@aol.com

WA bred & raised queens & bees, VSH, Carniolan, Hybrids

Local pickup only, no shipping.

\$235 Overwintered Spring nucs: 5 deep frames, late summer reared queen.

Early summer nucs will have a newly mated queen that was reared inside the nuc without disruption.

(nuc itself was overwintered).

I do not have PayPal anymore, so if you want to send me a check for a couple bucks for deposit or you can or just wait until they become available for first come first serve.

Check made out to Lauri Miller for deposit should be sent to 29506 8th Ave S., Roy, WA. 98580. Include your order details, full name and contact info!!

Newly mated queens available mid-May, depending on the weather.

Mountain Rain Bee Products

Lincoln Mettler

12305 28th St. Ct. E, Edgewood, WA 98372

253-826-3103, cell: 253-330-4689/ mettlerfamily@comcast.net

Locally raised nucs and queens

5 frame NUC: \$175.00/ 10 frame: \$225/ 20 frame: \$325

Northwest Bee Supply

<https://www.northwestbeesupply.com/>

Mike Radford

907-360-8182 Toll Free: (855) 796-8544

radford180@gmail.com

193 Country Lane

Sequim, Wa 98382

Order online. Pick up in person, in WA and OR. Or,

Northwest Bee Supply Sequim, WA Contact: Mike Radford 855.796.8544 / 907-360-8182

radford180@gmail.com northwestbeesupply.com Our bees are from McMinnville, Oregon so they have

only a 4 hour drive from Oregon in the early morning. We deliver 3# and 4# packages to all areas north

of Portland, Seattle, Olympic Peninsula up into all the San Juan Islands, Bellingham areas. We deliver 4#

and 5# packages to Whidbey Island, Vashon Island and Alaska. In the Island areas we personally fly the

bees to you in our Cessna 180, instead of a 5 hour drive

Northwest Bee Supply (cont.)

Place your order for bees Jan 1 - April 15 2022.

5 frame nucs available 2022:

\$200 with a mated queen

\$235.00 with a survivor stock queen

We offer a special price for club orders of 25 nucs minimum. Call 907-360-8182 for pricing.

Place your order Jan 1st - April 15th, 2023

Pickup at address above or deliveries will be made Mid April - Late April, 2023 to:

French Prairie Rest Area – Northbound I-5, Aurora, OR 97002

Cabela's Parking Lot, 1600 Gateway Blvd NE, Lacey, WA 98516

Hobby Lobby Parking Lot, 3130 S 23rd St., Tacoma, WA 98405

Other city delivery points also listed on website order form.

Old Sol Apiaries

(541) 582-2337

oldsolbees@gmail.com

<https://oldsolbees.com/>

Washington Distributor is Tarboo Valley Woodenware (see entry below), Quilcene, WA,

www.tarboovalleywoodenware.com

We will be selling Caucasian (WSU/Shepard/Cobey) stock nucs, \$240 and Survivor Stock nucs, \$220.

Nucs will be available in May – exact date TBD.

Survivor stock Queens - \$43. Caucasian queens - \$70. Will do bulk shipping of queens to save if several club members combine orders. For details on pickup or delivery and bulk discounts visit the nuc and queen pages at <https://oldsolbees.com/>

Olympic Wilderness Apiary

Dan & Judy Harvey

harbees@olyphen.com

(360) 928-3125 - call to place order or visit our website

TO PLACE A CONFIRMED ORDER CALL /LEAVE A MESSAGE

WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL

www.wildernessbees.com

46492 Hwy 112, Port Angeles, WA 98363

Visit the website to fully understand the Olympic Wilderness Apiary Breeding Program; the details can't be put in a small space here.

Payment in full due at time of order. S/H not included.

We are *ONLY* accepting orders for

SUMMER BREEDER QUEENS as of 2/14/2023

ORDER NOW for Summer Availability

1-3 Breeder Queens – \$350.00 ea, 4 -11 Breeder Queens – \$300.00 ea, 12 + -- \$250.00 ea

Not yet accepting orders for 2023 OWA "Select" Wild Survivor Queens, nucs or complete 10-frame colonies with woodenware included.

However, here are the 2023 prices:

1-3 Select Queens – \$65.00 each; 4 – 11 Select Queens – \$60.00 each; 12 + Select Queens – \$50.00 each

2023 OWA COMPLETE Colonies with OWA Wild Survivor Queens–

PRICE INCLUDES complete woodenware hive setup (see website for full details)

Payment is due in full at time of order

1-3 Colonies – \$ 400 each, 4 or more – CALL FOR PRICING & AVAILABILITY

Olympic Wilderness Apiary (cont.)

Offering complete colonies, July through September, with overwintered breeder queens

Local Pacific Northwest bred wild survivor stocks.: Caucasian- VSH -Russian – feral hybrids

Since 1997 we have conducted accelerated natural selection from feral colonies captured in the remote Olympic Peninsula rainforests. Our chemical and antibiotic-free stock demonstrates sustainability against many of the pathogens threatening honeybees today.

OWA Wild Survivor Breeder Queens- Summer 2023

ORDER NOW for Summer Availability

1-3 Breeder Queens – \$350.00 ea, 4 - 11 Breeder Queens – \$300.00 ea, 12 + Breeder Queens \$250.00 ea

Pacific Northwest Bees

Battle Ground, WA 98604

www.pnwbees.com

360-574-5614

robert@pnwbees.com

Pickup in Brush Prairie / Battle Ground area late April/early May.

Nuc (5 deep frames) - \$195

Package 3 lbs - \$195

Our queens are bred here in the PNW. we have two types of nucs available.: with a new mated queen from Spring of 2023 (2023PNW Select Queen)

Overwintered nucs have queens that were mated prior year or earlier (Overwintered PNW Select Queen).

Both types of queens can be ordered in April - \$45

Rainy Day Bees

Peter Nolte

(206) 519-8505

peter@rainydaybees.com

rainydaybees.com

rainydaybees.com/olivernucs

Seattle, WA

\$300 per 5 deep frames nuc from Golden West Bees with queen that emerged and was mated in the nuc hive. Expected to be available in mid-May this year; weather can easily push that earlier or later.

Pickup in Shoreline or West Seattle, with possibly an additional pickup in Olympia. More details on our website.

Local queens and nucs available throughout and summer once weather permits. Pickup only.

Robbins Honey

Harvard Robbins

(253) 588-7033, (253) 370-0842

robbinslh@aol.com

7910 148th St. SW, Lakewood, WA

Mon - Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sat 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

robbinslh@aol.com

Beekeeping supplies, bees, honey

5 Frame Nucs available in April. (Order Early): \$165

Delivery in April

5 frame nucs available in April. (Order Early)

Open: Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Samco Honey

www.samcohoney.com

Samuel Guga 253-332-1485

samcohoney@gmail.com

Local Apiary out of Orting/Sumner Valley. Family Owned since 2005.

Pickup only in Orting, WA at a location TBD

at one of 2 pickup times:

April 15th 7-9am

April 22nd 7-9am

\$42 per queen, choose Italian or Carniolan

\$189.99 per nuc.- choose Italian or Carniolan

10-frame colonies also available.

Seattle Honey Bees

<https://www.facebook.com/Seattlehoneybees/>

Kathy Cox & Tracy Klein

Medium and deep frame nucs of local survivor bees that do not go to the almond orchards.

Seola Bee Company

Brad Jones, Seattle, WA

brad@seolabeecompany.com

206-612-1068

<https://seolabeecompany.square.site/>

Website only took me to honey purchases, but apparently they have sold bees in the past.

10204 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA, United States, Washington

Seth Smith of Skagit Valley Beekeepers Association

Call 360-770-0481, or email seth_smith@live.com for updates

Nucs will be available about mid-April give or take a week and through the 1st week of May.

Nucs - \$145 for members of Skagit Valley Beekeepers Association, \$150 for non-members.

Stanwood Bee Company

Tim Welsh: 425-681-5793

18524 Swanson Lane

Stanwood, WA 98292

Pickup by appointment only

<https://stanwoodbeeco.com/products/5-frame-honey-bee-nuc>

2023 Nucs will be available for pickup around April 1, 2023 by appointment please include your phone number during purchase so I can call and schedule pickup. 5 frames with mated 2022/2023 queen who is already laying in a reusable 5 frame plastic corrugated nuc box or installed directly into your bee hive at the time of pickup. \$225

Mated Queen \$45. Directly from my mating nuc, born and raised locally in Stanwood, WA. Each is Note Pre Order for 2023 - Honey Bee Queen – \$45 - 10 strains listed on website currently uncaged and actively laying. Choice of Carniolan, Italian, Ankle Biter.

Tarboo Valley Woodenware and Honey Bees

Frank and Gloria Neal

360-301-1850

gloria@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

tarboovalleywoodenware.com

1029 Dabob Rd., Quilcene, WA 98376

Tarboo Valley Woodenware and Honey Bees (cont.)

2023 Old Sol Survivor nucs in deeps or Super nucs...\$230.

2023 Old Sol Caucasian nucs in deeps or Super Nucs...\$250.00.

2023 Old Sol Survivor Queens...\$50.00

2023 Old Sol Caucasian Queens...\$75.00

NEW THIS YEAR: Old Sol SUPER NUCS (8 medium frame wooden nucs)

Read about "WHY Super Nucs?" at www.oldsolbees.com

Keeping bees in mediums is extremely efficient.

Three mediums is volumetrically equivalent to a double deep,

Sturdy woodenware is reusable, recyclable, and easier on bees and beekeepers.

Fully vetted, mated, and marked queens with their own brood.

Our Super Nucs come ready to grow in a wooden 8-frame medium with 6 frames, all stages of brood, food, a fully vetted, marked queen, and a one-gallon frame feeder. Queens are vetted

10% discount, on supplies, to anyone buying bees from us before the bees arrive.

ValorBees, LLC

Dustin Leishman

(253) 262-9922

dustin@valorbees.com

www.ValorBeesLLC.com

32409 48th Ave. S., Roy WA 98580

We are a veteran owned and operated business. We offer 5-frame Carniolan nucs arriving first week of April 2022. \$180. Supplies, extraction services, 10% discount for military and first responders.

West Hill Bee Products Auburn, WA

253-839-1942

westhillbeeproducts@yahoo.com

New World Carniolan nucs and queens.

Our apiary is treatment-free and our stock queens are selected for gentleness, fast spring buildup, tracheal mite resistance and overwintering success.

Whatcom Bee Company

Michael Jaross

Contact me or text (360) 483-9754.

<http://whatcombeehelp.com/>

<http://whatcombeehelp.com/contactmichael/>

The instructions for pickup of 5 frames and 10 frames of bees with queens, exactly what you are picking up and what you are expected to bring for transport are on the website. Read them and make sure you understand them.

10-frame Nucs: \$275

5-frame Nucs: \$225

Phone/text (360) 483-9754 or Contact Page.

Queens: \$60 each

Two or more: \$50 each

Contact me or text (360) 483-9754.

PS: I only produce about a dozen nucs each season and only sell the best of those, so if you want one, (or more!), best to get on my Nucs List early. Also, beware: 10-frame nucs will need a second super almost by the time you get them home.

Woods Bee Co

Alan Woods

(360) 623-3359

bees@woodsbeeco.com

<https://woodsbeeco.com>

919 W. Reynolds Ave., Centralia WA 98531

M/W/F 12-5 PM or by appointment (call (360) 623-3359).

Spring hours starting April 1st M-F 12-5, Sat 10-2.

Beekeeping supplies and equipment

Nucs can be ordered online at <https://woodsbeeco.com/product-category/bees/nucs/>

Hawaiian carnica queens \$45, available April 15.

2023 -5-frame NUCs are \$180.00 plus a \$10 refundable deposit for the Pro NUC. \$80 deposit to reserve. Limited number of 10-frame nucs \$255. Carniolan queen, raised in the Northwest.

Pickup dates will depend on the weather.

An additional \$5.00/nuc discount for active association members with proof of membership and orders of 10 or more NUCs.

No packages this year.

Woodland Bee Company

Ballard area of Seattle, WA

Website: woodlandbeecompany.com

Contact: 206-880-0277

jason@woodlandbeecompany.com

3 lb. Carniolan package: \$165

With discount for Venmo: \$160

With discount for cash: \$155

Italian nuc \$200 for 2nd week of May pickup but are temporarily out of stock

Ask to be placed on waitlist

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