



Nucs & Packages 2018

*Medium Nucleus Colony ~ \$165 ***SOLD OUT!!****

A nucleus colony ("nuc" for short) is 5 drawn-out frames in a temporary box*, complete with honey and brood. They come with an accepted, laying queen + worker bees. A medium nuc will fit with medium Langstroth hive boxes. Haw Creek Honey in the Asheville area will be supplying our medium nucs this year, and we are expecting them to be ready in late April.

We must ask for these waxed cardboard boxes to be returned. Otherwise we will need to charge \$6 to your account. They are normally \$8 but we are offering these at a discount if you purchase with your nuc or do not return. Thank you for your understanding on this issue.

Deep Nucleus Colony ~ \$165

A nucleus colony ("nuc" for short) is 5 drawn-out frames in a temporary box*, complete with honey and brood. They come with an accepted, laying queen + worker bees. A deep nuc will fit with deep Langstroth hive boxes. This apiary spends the summers in New York and the winters in South Carolina. We are expecting them to come in throughout the month of April.

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3 lb Package ~ \$110

A package contains approximately 10,000 worker bees, with a queen in a cage. Packages can be installed into a Langstroth, Top Bar, or Warre Hive. Our packages will come from hives in Franklin NC.

****NEW!*** 3 lb Treatment-Free Package ~ \$185*

A package contains approximately 10,000 worker bees, with a queen in a cage. Packages can be installed into a Langstroth, Top Bar, or Warre Hive. These bees are raised in small cell frames, with use of essential oils, and consist of a combination of Russian, Italian, and Carniolan stock. They should be arriving from middle Tennessee **March 28th or 29th.**

Pros and Cons?

Packages will have a more predictable pick-up date. Once we set a date, you can pretty much plan on it. Nucs are less predictable in this way - since beekeepers read the

cues of their hives and split into nucs when the season is right, the date can vary drastically based on what our winter and spring looks like.

Nucs come with the head start of bees at all life stages. Because of this, they will frequently have a faster build-up after installation, instead of taking time to draw out wax and produce brood. But packages can quickly catch up to nucs with consistent feeding and have lower mite loads because of the break in the brood cycle. All in all, there is no incorrect option!

What should I understand when I buy bees?

Buying bees is like having a baby! They are live animals, and we are at the whims of the weather and their own life cycle. If we have a cold spring, your nuc or package may be late. If we have a warm spring, they may be early. Please understand that we set a due date for your estimation, but it is just that - an estimation.

If you order a **package**, you will generally have a 1-2 day window for pickup. The packages will survive for about that much time, inside of our store or outside, depending on the weather. The longer they sit, the more bee mortality you will see. Wild Mountain Bees does not assume liability for delayed pickups. We will give you as much notice as we possibly can, and from there it is in the hands of the beekeeper to move their package to safety.

If you order a **nucleus colony**, you may have shorter notice. The window for nuc pickup will always be in the morning, generally between 8-10am. Our staff wakes up before the sun and seals up the box to get your bees ready for transport. A nuc generates so much heat that honeybees will perish if they are not opened by the heat of the day - generally between 10-11am. If you do not make it to pick up by 10am, your nuc will be opened or given to somebody else, and your pickup will be bumped.

I have read the above and completely understand that Wild Mountain Bees cannot guarantee the date of pickup. I understand that by making this order, it is my responsibility to tend to the schedule and need of these living creatures.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Date ____/____/____