

NWPBA

Field Day

11:30 -3:30 June 23, 2018

Location of the Field Day is Vorisek's Backyard Bee Farm, 15834 Linesville Rd, Linesville, Pa. 16424. This is two miles north of Linesville, on the Linesville - Conneautville Rd. Parking is in the field (will be marked) beside the bee yard. For Handicap parking or special needs, pull into house driveway and park in the lawn.

DO NOT PARK AT CUSTOMER ROADSIDE HONEY STAND.

In collaboration with the **Pa Queen Bee Improvement Program and Heartland Honey Bee Breeders Cooperative**, we plan to raise virgin queens for a minimum donation. Leaving your nuc will be optional this year. We will demonstrate inspecting queenless nucs WE created and those choosing to leave nucs. Optionally, you may take the virgin queen home. The majority of drone colonies, in this drone-strong area, are 'mite-biters'. Mite resistance and survivor traits are pieces of the puzzle for sustainable beekeeping. The queen stock will be daughters from Purdue 'mite-biters' or other mite resistant stock.

Last Field Day we distributed 30 queens into nucs. We will have a limit of 40 queens available. The proposal is a limit of two queens/nucs per person at a \$20 donation per queen. If we have more queens after everybody's 'two' are filled then those will be offered for sale. All proceeds are split between NWPBA, Pa Queen Improvement Project and queen producers to fund material expenses related to this superior genetic stock.

Registration for virgin queen online here. [REGISTER NOW](#)
OR contact Charlie Vorisek at vbeefarm@windstream.net or call cell 814-350-0662

Additionally, two nucs, complete with mite resistant queen and new nuc box will be raffled at this Field Day, with total money going to NWPBA. Chances are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.

This event is designated as a '**Field Outreach**' for the **Pa Queen Bee Improvement Project**. This event makes us part of the **Heartland Honey Bee Breeding Cooperative**. Jeff Berta, co-chair for the Pa program and representative for Pa on HHBBC will be attending. Other experts may attend as well.

We ask anyone outside the NWPBA to pay \$15 to attend, as this is primarily a NWPBA event and meeting.

Appropriate beekeeping safety wear is each individual's responsibility !
DO NOT SWAT OR SWING !
GENTLY BRUSH OR WALK AWAY.... UNDER TREES or INTO BUILDING.

Tentative Field Agenda:

Guest speaker – Pa Queen Bee Improvement Program overview

1) Mite Control Demonstrations

2) Swarm catching or Overwintering Your Hive

3) Queen cell transfer to nucs – Al, Jeff & Members

4) Optional: Making beeswax handcream and lip balm or extracting honey –Cathy V

for any questions contact Charlie Vorisek at vbeefarm@windstream.net

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

Tents will be used if needed.

- **BRING A SNACK TO SHARE-**