

Instructions for Arkansas Bee Yard Registration

In accordance with Arkansas Apiary Laws and Regulations, all apiaries (locations of kept bees) must be registered with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Apiary Section. To accomplish this, beekeepers are required to complete an application for Beeyard Registration within (10) days after coming into ownership or possession of bees or before moving bees from outside the state of Arkansas.

At the office, the applications will be reviewed for consideration as per the apiary laws and regulations in a timely fashion. The applicant will be notified if the Registration is complete or if it is being detained due to some conflict.

Most of the application is self-explanatory. You must provide the location of the bee yard as the legal description of the land (found on your property deed or property tax receipts) *or* as GPS coordinates.

The portion of the application that inquires if the location is “permanent, temporary or seasonal” the applicant should mark accordingly. **Permanent** hives remain in one location all year. **Temporary** is for hives that will only be in place for a short time, such as for pollination. **Seasonal** apiaries are used when a beekeeper moves hives between two or more locations in order to make different honey crops.

In the column for “owner of land” write “self” if you own the land. Otherwise, provide the name of the property owner.

In the box that reads (Apiary Name or Number) We are asking for a name you can remember for this specific yard. This is a way to communicate with you about a specific location. Give it any name you wish (*Number 1, Home, Big Field, Smith Pasture, Red Barn, etc.*)

For more information, questions about this process, or help in filling out the application, contact **Amanda** at the Apiary Section Office at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at **501-219-6354** or visit www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/regulatory-section/apiary.

Return the completed form by mail or email:

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