

WHERE TO BUY BEES 2020 (As of February 28)

Compiled using resources from the Beekeepers of the Bitterroot and Lewis & Clark County Extension.

Things to know: All bees coming into Montana from out of state must have a certificate of health issued from the state of origin. This is to prevent the spread of disease. Most sellers require full or partial pre-payment and these deposits and purchases are generally non-refundable. This is at the discretion of the seller. When receiving your packages, queens, and nucs, it is your responsibility to inspect them carefully before leaving the sellers yard. A few sellers offer guarantees and some allow you to cancel or change your order. Know your terms before you buy and inspect your bees before leaving the bee yard.

Country Boys Honey/Rod Smith: (406) 788-2880 call or text in evenings/weekends
5 frame nucs with laying queen and brood in all stages, \$165.
Carniolian cross bees out of Augusta
Will replace Queen if you run into any problems
Pick up in Great Falls, MT in late April/early May
(will deliver to Helena with a big enough order, call to ask)

Outdoor Bee Company: (509) 270-5803
<http://www.outdoorbee.com/nucs/>
5 frame nucs containing a laying queen and brood in all stages, \$150.
Now taking orders online.
Free delivery to Missoula, Butte, and Bozeman scheduled for early May.

Hamilton Honey Co./Eric Hamilton: (406) 266-3096
Are not currently selling packages to the public but are selling them through the Montana Honey Bee Company.
Townsend, MT

Montana Honey Bee Company: (406) 624-6446
<http://montanahoneybeecompany.com/>
3lb. packages and 5-frame nucs.
All the bees will have their first round of chemical free mite treatment, and also a treatment of organic probiotics for good bee gut health
Packages are \$175, Nucs are \$195
Package ready mid-April, Nucs ready mid-May

Western Bee Supplies: (406) 883-2918

Email: Email: wbee@westernbee.com

Website: <http://westernbee.com/>

3 lb. packages with a marked Carniolan queen, \$155, \$20 non-refundable deposit per package.

Now taking orders until 600 are sold out.

Pick up will be at Western Bee on Friday, 4/24/20.

Sunshine Apiary: (406) 322-5423

5 frame nucs with laying queen and brood in all stages, ~\$150 (call to confirm)

Start Selling 3rd of February until sold out

Montana bees shipped to-from almond trees in California

Pick up in Columbus, MT in mid-May

Sunrise Honey Company: (509) 936-1088

<http://sunrisehoney.com/five-frame-nucs.html>

5 frame nucs with mated queen, \$150.

Extra queens (depending on availability) \$35.

Will start taking orders January 18, 2020 until sold out

Delivery date is usually a Saturday in mid-April.

Pick up bees in Clayton, WA (North of Spokane).

Check their website for more details.

Tractor Supply, Lolo, MT

<https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/search/bees>

Is offering on-line ordering for 3 pound packages of Italian or Carniolan bees with queen for direct shipment to your home via UPS. Price is \$199.99 including shipping. The bees are sourced from Harvest Lane Honey.

Of course you can always search for bees on Google and find other sources too. If you find a good one let me know at kara.tangedal@montana.edu