

## **Recommended Equipment for the Beginning Beekeeper in the First Year**

### Two Complete Two-Story Hives

Screened Bottom boards with entrance reducers (2)  
Hive bodies (6), full depth, 9 1/2" (2 extra hive bodies for syrup feeder)  
Frames (40), full depth, grooved, 9 1/8"  
Foundation (40), full depth with a plastic core, unless using frames with built-in foundation  
Hive Stands (2)  
Telescoping Outer covers (2)  
Inner covers (2)

### Honey Supers

Supers (4), medium depth, 6 1/2"  
Frames, (40), medium depth, grooved, 6 1/4"  
Foundation (40), medium depth with a plastic core, unless using frames with built-in foundation

❖ In the first year you may not need honey supers.

### Nails and Glue

7D Super Nails (2 pounds)  
4D Rabbit Nails for Supers (1 pound)  
1 1/4" Frame Nails (1 pound)  
Titebond II Glue

### Bees

Two 3 lb. package of bees with queen or two 5 frame nucleus colony purchased locally

### Necessary Equipment

Hive tool, 10"  
Smoker, 4" diameter or larger (the bigger the better)  
Veil and helmet, or a veil built into coverall or a jacket  
Coveralls, unless purchased with the veil  
Sugar Syrup Feeders (2)  
Gloves, rubber dish glove from the department store may be sufficient  
Apiguard Mite Treatment (Thymol based treatment) available at [WWW.Dadant.com](http://WWW.Dadant.com)

### **Not sure how to use all of this equipment? This is how you start:**

- Take a beginners beekeeping course
- Find a local mentor to help you learn the craft
- Join the nearest beekeepers association
- Register your hives with the State Department of Agriculture