



## Introduction to Beekeeping Online Course Opens February 1

The [Chatham County Beekeepers' Association](#) is hosting an ONLINE self-paced **Intro to Beekeeping** course starting February 1, 2021. CCBA's most experienced and skilled members, including Certified and Master beekeepers, came together to create a comprehensive digital class for new and prospective beekeepers.

### EXTRA PERKS FOR NORTH CAROLINA STUDENTS

- Register by Feb 1st for the chance to win the honey bees needed to start your first colony (woodenware not included).
- Get hands-on hive experience at seasonal field days in Pittsboro (held when possible and in accordance with COVID guidelines)

### Course Curriculum Overview

- **BASIC GEAR:** Tools for basic beekeeping
- **HIVE COMPONENTS:** History of hive designs and modern beehives
- **BEE BIOLOGY:** Castes, anatomy, bee communication through dancing and pheromones, and review of individual bees and the superorganism (the colony)
- **REPRODUCTION & SWARMS:** How and why bees reproduce by swarming, and how to prevent and catch swarms
- **HIVE MANAGEMENT:** Be prepared for what hives need in each season
- **PESTS & DISEASES:** Learn the common and rare threats honey bees face
- **VARROA MANAGEMENT:** Get familiar with how to keep your hives healthy against the #1 threat to honey bees today
- **CERTIFIED NATURALLY GROWN:** Learn about this national accreditation for chemical-free beekeeping

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