



ask a Beekeeper

Ask a Beekeeper brings together the bee-loving community through an online student-beekeeper forum. In this new initiative, beekeepers from around the world answer questions from curious elementary school students through quick, home-made videos.

If you're ready to inspire a new generation to love bees as much as you do, grab your smartphone and send us a video. That's all it takes!



The Sweet Virginia Foundation is creating a happier, healthier planet – one bee and one student at a time. By teaching kids about the humble honeybee, Sweet Virginia inspires children to engage with the natural world, appreciate Mother Earth's symphony of life, and grow into stewards of the environment. Our children are the future, and by teaching them about the beauty and power of honeybees, our kids can save the world.

Calling all Beekeepers

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1

**Tell us you're interested!
We'll send you a question.**

Email AskABeekeeper@SweetVirginia.org and we'll send you a question with the name of the student, teacher, school and location, so you can say hello in the video. We'll also include some tips for your response.

2

**Respond with a short,
home-made video.**

Find a friend to hold your camera phone. Make sure they hold it horizontally! Stand by your hives, tell us about yourself, and answer the question in a 1-2 minute video. Feel free to speak in English or your native language.

3

**Send your video to
the Sweet Virginia Foundation**

Send the video to AskABeekeeper@SweetVirginia.org and get ready to see yourself on our social media platforms! The videos will also be published as part of our Hive Alive Curriculum on our website at SweetVirginia.org/Ask-a-Beekeeper.

Making your video



Tips for making your video:

Feel free to speak in English or your native language.

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Stand by your hives, tell us about yourself, and answer the question in 1-2 minutes.

Remember to mention:

1. Who you are!

Introduce yourself: Your name, location, how many hives you have, etc.

2. What you're doing!

You're making this Ask a Beekeeper video for the Sweet Virginia Foundation's Hive Alive online curriculum.

3. The name of the student and/or teacher, as well as their school, town, state and country.

4. The answer to the question.

Sample Script

You are welcome to improvise! If you'd like some guidance, your video could go like this:

Hi! My name is Julia Martinez and I am a beekeeper in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the United States.

I'm standing here in the backyard of my family's house with our ten beehives. I've been beekeeping since I was 8 years old...

I'd like to answer a question for the Sweet Virginia Foundation's Hive Alive online curriculum from a student named Max in Ms. Young's class in Houston, Texas in the United States.

The question was, "How many honey bees live in a hive?" That's a great question, Max!

There can be a big range, but we usually have between 30,000 to 60,000 bees per hive. In the winter, the numbers sometimes get much lower, but the hive usually grows to between 30,000 and 60,000 between April and October.

Thank you for your question, Max. Keep learning more about bees!



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