

March 22, 2018

Dear Beekeeper:

Honey bee foragers have a fundamental goal – *finding food*. Most often that food is nectar or pollen from flowers. Other food sources can include floral food, sugar syrup in a feeder, or honey found in another hive. For more educational opportunities, please come to the **"Beekeeping Educational Series: Understand your bee colony"** to be held at the MSU Extension Service Office in **Aberdeen**, **Mississippi**.

These workshops are specifically for local private beekeepers that want to learn more about managing bees on their property! We will cover spring inspections, swarm management, how-to make splits, package management, integrated pest management, queen rearing, and beekeeping rules for success. Some parts of these sessions will be "hands-on" learning, so please bring appropriate clothes to check bees and/or a head veil just in case we get into a hive.

The first workshop will meet at the Monroe County Extension Office on **Thursday, March 29**, **2018** at **6:30 PM**. Please call **662-369-4951** or **662-369-8683** to register **by March 28**th. Light refreshments and reference materials will be provided.

Beekeeping Educational Series Dates (all sessions will be at the local Extension office, except where noted*):

- 1 March 29, 2018
- 2 April 20-21, 2018 (2 day Queen Rearing Workshop)
- 3 May 17, 2018 (*tentative)

I hope that you can find the time to join us, and you will find this educational workshop series very helpful. See you there!

Sincerely,

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