

APPLICATION FORM FOR PERMIT TO SELL BEES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Please Print or Type

Name _____

Company Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (please include area code) _____

Email Address _____

Check the blanks below to give an **estimate of the number** of each unit of bees to be sold in North Carolina during this permitting period:

Packages	Queens	Nucs	Hives
1 – 10	1 – 10	1 – 10	1 – 10
11 – 100	11 – 100	11 – 100	11 – 100
>100	>100	>100	>100

Brood and bees on comb carry a higher intrinsic/potential risk of transferring honey bee pathogens and pests.

If you are interested in selling hives or nucs, please call your inspector for additional consultation.

Please indicate whether you are producing or reselling (A reseller is one who purchases packages, queens, or nucs and sells them the same year).

Producing Reselling (If you are both producing and reselling, please check both.)

If you are reselling bees please indicate the name(s) of the producer(s).

Application must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Apiary Inspection from the state of origin, a signed compliance agreement and a **non-refundable** permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); **make checks payable to NCDA&CS**. First-time applicants should contact their regional Apiary Inspector. Information on regions and contact information for each region's Inspector can be found at: <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/plant-industry/plant-protection/plant-industry-apiary-field-services>. Questions regarding this application can also be addressed by calling (984) 477-8034 or emailing glenn.hackney@ncagr.gov or don.hopkins@ncagr.gov.



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

2026 Compliance Agreement for Producers and Resellers Selling Bees (*Apis mellifera*) in North Carolina

Individuals, corporations, or firms desiring to sell bees in North Carolina shall first apply for a permit to sell bees. Permit forms may be obtained from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS). The permitting period is from January 1 to December 31. Permit applications must be on a form provided by the Plant Industry Division of the NCDA&CS.

All apiaries must be inspected to conform to the standards approved by the regulatory agency in the shipping state. A current health certificate must be issued certifying the apiary(ies). The NCDA&CS reserves the right to perform inspections to determine disease and pest status as deemed necessary.

I. As a producer interested in marketing bees in North Carolina, my company hereby agrees to follow these procedures:

If Africanized bees become established within a 50-mile radius of the queen producing yard, this compliance agreement will not be executed

- A. To sell only bees (including the queens) that have been produced directly by this company only at locations approved by the NCDA&CS and not to sell bees (including queens) obtained from other locations or sources.
- B. **To maintain a record of sales made to North Carolina customers.** Upon request, the producer shall provide a list of all shipments made to North Carolina within the preceding 60 days. This list should include the quantity of units obtained, the address(es), and name(s) of the supplier(s), and the dates of shipment.
- C. All hives that will be used for queen/package production must either be treated for control of Varroa mites, and any new pests, using currently registered materials or be actively involved in a breeding program to raise Varroa tolerant stock.
- D. NCDA&CS continues to regard the small hive beetle to be detrimental to the North Carolina beekeeping industry. The producer shall take measures as necessary to control its spread.
- E. Any applicant will be considered in compliance only after certification by the inspection service of the resident state.

II. As a reseller, I agree to:

- A. Sell only bees on combs (including the queens) from apiaries that have been **inspected and deemed healthy** by an NCDA&CS apiary inspector before distribution.
- B. Only buy from producers permitted to sell bees in NC and report to the NC state apiarist the source of all bees sold. A list of current permit holders in good standing can be found on our website (<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/plant-industry/plant-protection/plant-industry-apiary-services>).
- C. **To maintain a record of sales in NC** as outlined in **Section I (B)** above.

By typing my name in the signature field below, I agree to abide by this compliance agreement and by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services current laws and regulations governing the sale of bees in the state. All bees sold by the individual, corporation, or firm listed on this application must be owned by and in the legal possession of said party. The permit, if issued, may be revoked at any time for non-compliance with the terms of this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date