



Sweet Mountain Farm, LLC is a CSA – Community Supported Farm. Production is limited. 2016 estimates are 100 nucleus colonies and 100 beehives.

Russian Honeybee Season - 2016

Don't Miss
Out on
Your
Chance to
SAVE!

New Options

Finish

Linseed Oil, Ecco-wash, or natural

Joint

Spline joint or
Box joint (6 pins/7 tails)

Cover

Aluminum, Aluminum with
Copper Nails, Copper

New Budget Seconds

See website for details

Early Order Discounts

Early Order Discounts *The earlier you order the more you save!*

20% discount on hive/nucleus combinations through September 30, 2015
15% discount through September 30, 2015
10% discount through October 31, 2015
5% discount through December 31, 2015

January 1, 2016 Prices

5 frame Russian nucleus colony \$200.00

Custom: 8 Frame Cedar Beehive includes 5 medium supers with box joints \$325.00

Budget second: 8 Frame Cedar Beehive includes 5 medium supers with spline joints \$275.00

Pick up locations: Washington Island, Sister Bay, Sturgeon Bay, Green Bay (June 25, 2016)

UPS & USPS delivery available

Order online - see website for details

Handcrafted Beehives

Washington Island, Wisconsin



Varroa Screen Bottom Board



6 pin & 7 tail box joint with
8 - 2 1/4" SS Screws



5 medium supers per hive



Slide Out Tray



Rough Sawn Interior



Inner Cover



Box Joint Hives – Linseed Finish



Spline Joint - Natural Finish

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8 Frame Northern White Cedar Beehive

The Northern White Cedar beehive is an **8 frame medium** beehive that is CUSTOM produced on Washington Island with specially milled 7/8" boards for superior insulation (R-value 1.41) and durability. Our woodworker uses a craftsman quality custom box joint. Each super has 6 pins and 7 tails rather than 3. All 8 corners are secured with 2 1/4" stainless steel screws. The Varroa screened bottom board is recessed to minimize moisture inside the tray.

An 8 frame medium cedar beehive is the best environment for Russian honeybees. Easier on the back, it weighs in at just under 40lbs when full of honey. Each super is 1 pound lighter than pine but has the highest insulation value of any local tree species making it better overall for minimizing cold and hot temperature fluctuations.

Be the first to try our new budget spline joint. It is a tough box with hardwood reinforced splines.

Choose a NEW coating called Ecco-wash, a naturally effective wood preservative, no-maintenance, 100% organic, non-toxic compound that will not wear off, fade or peel.

Options include:

Box joint or Spline joint -budget seconds
Ecco-wash, Linseed oil, or natural exterior
Copper, Copper nailed Aluminum or Aluminum cover

The beehive (not including frames) consists of the following:

5 medium fully interchangeable 8 frame medium supers (frames not included)
1 Varroa screened bottom board with recessed cedar pull out tray
1 telescoping cover
1 inner cover
shipped in 3 cartons fully assembled.

Russian Nucleus - 5 medium frames

Before purchasing a Russian nucleus colony please read about the significant differences in this breed. Russians require a different management style, so please do your research before you make a purchase!

The nucleus is a fully functional colony with drawn comb and bees in all stages of development. Nucleus hives are split in the spring about mid-May from an established colony. Queens start laying about mid-June but delivery is always contingent upon the weather. Pick up times can change.

Colonies are raised in the North. This means that the colony you are purchasing is roughly two months behind southern bred bees. Extractable honey is rarely expected the first year. In some cases colonies installed in late June will produce enough honey for extraction but this should not be expected. Colonies that do not store at least 12 medium frames of honey should be fed the first winter.

Each nucleus consists of five medium frames. One frame is usually empty or slightly drawn and is used for expansion and transport. We do not deal the frames to you like a deck of cards so that each buyer receives an equal number of eggs, larva, capped brood, honey, and pollen. Each split colony has 40 days to strike its own balance as an individual living organism.

Sweet Mountain Farm's Russian honeybees live in a chemical free hive and build up very quickly. Be prepared to super!

Important Information about Nucleus Hives

1. Nucs sell out quickly. Order early!
2. Payment is due with the order.
3. Cancellation before March 31st payment is refunded less \$20 per nuc.
4. Cancellation after March 31st, no refund.
5. Returns & Refunds, no returns or refunds once a customer takes possession.

Pick up:

Sister Bay, June 25, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Sturgeon Bay, June 25, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Green Bay, June 25, 2016 – 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Locations to be announced

All other pickup by appointment, Washington Island, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.