

RECOMMENDED BEEHIVE

10-Frame Double Deep Beehive

SIZE

10-Frame Width: Beehives are either 8 frames wide or 10 frames wide. 10-frame is the most common width. With the sole exception of frames, no 8-frame equipment will work with 10-frame equipment and vice versa.

Double Deep: Beehive bodies (aka boxes) come in 3 heights: Deep, Medium (aka Super), and Shallow Super. Deep bodies will hold one-third more bees and honey than a medium. In our region, overwintering with two deep bodies full of bees is usually more successful than other configurations. A medium is great to add on top of the two deeps next year when the bees will fill it with honey.

SOLID BOTTOM BOARD

Bottom boards are either solid or screened. Each has their advantages and disadvantages. Basically, screened bottom boards are best during the summer, while solid bottom boards are best during the winter. Because of the difficulty with overwintering bees in our region, if you can have only one bottom board, then solid bottom boards are better.

MIGRATORY TOP COVER

Top covers are either a simple wooden lid for the hive or a two-part system with a wooden inner cover and a metal outer cover. The simple wooden lid is known as a migratory cover. It gets its name from the fact that nearly every commercial migratory beekeeper uses this style of top cover, because it works just as well for the bees, costs about half as much, and takes up less space.

2 GALLON FEEDER FRAME WITH CAP AND LADDER

There are times, like when you first install your bees in their new hive, when your bees will need to be fed. There are numerous feeder styles, but the best one for bees in my experience is a feeder frame. This is a feeder that takes the place of two frames, and importantly, includes a cap and ladder that prevents bees from drowning.

ENTRANCE REDUCER

Bee colonies need protection, especially when they are new and small. This piece of wood fits between the bottom board and the bottom hive body. It reduces the area that your bees need to defend while protecting their hive.

DEEP FRAMES WITH FOUNDATION

Each deep hive body holds 10 frames. With 2 deep bodies, you need 20 frames in total. Your nuc includes 5 frames and your 2-gallon feeder frame takes up 2 frames of space. So, you only need to buy 13 frames. Frame foundation is a piece of beeswax-coated plastic that has honeycomb imprinted on it. This gives your bees a template for drawing out their honeycomb. Some beekeepers prefer to avoid foundation, but this rarely works well for new beekeepers. Most plastic frames include foundation, but most wooden frames require you to purchase and install foundation separately.

— Beehive Shopping List —

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| 1 | 10-Frame Bottom Board | 13 | Deep Frames |
| 1 | 10-Frame Entrance Reducer | 1 | Deep Frame Feeder |
| 2 | 10-Frame Deep Hive Bodies | 1 | 10-Frame Migratory Top Cover |

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