

Beekeeping Extension Workshops 2015/2016

The Alberta Beekeepers Commission has partnered with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to offer educational beekeeping extension workshops. We have eight workshops to choose from: four *Beginner Beekeeping Workshops*, two *Intermediate Beekeeping Workshops*, and two *On Farm Food Safety and Biosecurity Workshops*.

Speakers include Dr. Medhat Nasr, Provincial Apiculturist; Samantha Muirhead, Apiculture Technologist; Pramod Kumar, On Farm Food Safety Specialist; Tom Hegan and Tracey Smith, beekeepers. Additional speakers will also be invited to share their expertise with the participants.

The **Beginner Beekeeping Workshop** is for people who have not kept bees yet. This 2 1/2 day course focuses on the biology and management of honey bees in Alberta. Students will learn the practical aspects of purchasing bees, bee equipment, seasonal management, pest and disease management, how to safely handle bees, and honey production, extraction, and marketing. It includes a hands on session in May that will train participants on how to start and become active beekeepers. **This course is for beginning beekeepers only. If you have kept bees and need to advance your information, please enroll in the Intermediate Beekeeping Workshop.**

The registration fee is **\$225.00+GST per person**. This includes the book Beekeeping in Western Canada, the CAPA publication Bee Pests and Diseases, and lunch for both days. **If you already have the book Beekeeping in Western Canada, please deduct the cost of the book (\$25) from the registration fee.** This course is very popular and enrollment is limited, so early registration is recommended.

The one day **Intermediate Beekeeping Workshop** is designed as the next step for beekeepers who have kept honey bees for at least one season. This workshop builds on the beginner workshop and your own experience over the year by going over seasonal management and disease management in more detail. This is a great time to ask the experts all those questions you have after beekeeping for a season or two (or ten!). Registration fee is **\$100.00 + GST per person**. It includes lunch and a booklet of reading materials.

Register early! Please note that the class sizes are limited to only 45 participants. We apply a "First Come, First Served" policy in order to accommodate the maximum number of participants. To this end we recommend you register early for our workshops as they can fill up quickly. In addition, if you are unable to attend a workshop please cancel your registration ten (10) days before the course date so we can give your spot to someone on the waiting list. **Registrations will not be processed without payment.** No payments will be taken at the door.

Beginner Beekeeping Workshop: Registration fee: \$225 plus GST

Edmonton, Alberta

Crop Diversification Centre North, Edmonton
17507 Fort Rd NW Edmonton, T5Y 6A8

First workshop dates:

Lectures date: November 20 & 21, 2015, Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Field day date: May 14, 2016, Time: 9:00 am to noon
Registration closes: November 16, 2015

Second workshop dates:

Lecture date: March 4 & 5, 2016, Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Field date: May 14, 2016, Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Registration closes: March 29, 2015

Airdrie, Alberta

Airdrie Agriculture Centre
97 East Lake Ramp Northeast, Airdrie, T4A 0C3

First workshop dates:

Lectures date: November 27 & 28, 2015, Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Field day date: May 7, 2016, Time: 9:00 am to noon
Registration closes: November 23, 2015

Second workshop dates:

Lectures Date: March 11 & 12, 2016, Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Field day Date: May 7, 2016, Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Registration closes: March 7, 2016

Intermediate Beekeeping: Registration fee: \$100 plus GST

Airdrie, Alberta

Airdrie Agriculture Centre
97 East Lake Ramp Northeast, Airdrie, T4A 0C3

April 9, 2016 Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Edmonton, Alberta

Crop Diversification Centre North, Edmonton
17507 Fort Rd NW Edmonton, T5Y 6A8

April 16, 2016 Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

[Register Here \(link to pdf registration form\)](#)