

# NSW DPI services to beekeepers

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NSW Department of Primary Industries acts in partnership with industry and other public sector organisations to foster profitable and sustainable development of primary industries in New South Wales.

The department delivers a wide range of services to primary industries and rural communities. Services to the beekeeping industry include advisory, education, regulatory, diagnostic and research.

## Advisory

If you have an enquiry about keeping honey bees, management issues or related topics, the NSW DPI advisory staff specialising in honey bees will be able to assist, e.g.

- best management practices in keeping honey bees;
- seasonal management enquiries;
- disease/pest management processes;
- starting in bees;
- progressing from an amateur beekeeper to a business in keeping bees.

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## Regulatory

If your concern is of a regulatory nature, then the beekeeping regulators should be able to assist, e.g.

- notification of a pest or disease;
- interstate movement of bees or bee products;
- nuisance bee complaints;
- neglected abandoned hives.

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## Diagnostic

If you have samples of bee disease for analysis, NSW DPI Animal Health Laboratory will be able to assist, e.g.

- samples of brood disease (comb or glass slide);
- honey samples;
- adult bee samples.

Contact for bee disease diagnostic laboratory services

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## Education

If you are interested in doing a course on beekeeping, short courses are periodically conducted across the state, e.g.

- Beginning in bees (2 days);
- Rearing queen bees (3 days);
- Pests & diseases of honey bees (2 days);
- Beekeeping as a business (2 days).

For a current list of short courses, dates, and locations, refer to the NSW DPI website ([www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)). Click on 'Agriculture', then 'Livestock', then 'Honey Bees'; or phone 1800 025 520.

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