

Delaware Beekeeper Opportunity – Planting Hope Apiary

1901 N. Dupont Highway, New Castle, DE 19720

Established in 2014, Planting Hope Apiary has grown to a business that produces honey, utilizes apiary beeswax for candles, and produces both nucleus colonies, as well as, local queens for sale. The Apiary was established as part of the Delaware Department of Agriculture's Veteran Beekeeper program. We are looking for someone interested in taking over the apiary and utilizing the assets for beekeeping and educational purposes.

BACKGROUND AND AVAILABLE ASSETS:

Bee yard with perimeter fencing, approximately 13 ft. x 14 ft., with road access, and is adjacent to 4000ft² bee pasture planted with native bee-friendly wildflowers. It is located on the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Service's Herman Holloway Sr. Campus. The Campus is comprised of approx. 100 acres of lawns, trees, shrubs and meadows. There are approximately 3 acres of vegetable gardens on the Campus, operated by Planting Hope Urban Farm and Bright Spot Ventures. Water is available.

Locked storage shed, 8 ft. x 10 ft.

Extractor - MAXANT Model 1400PL

Beekeeper will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, and as well as a lease agreement. They will have the opportunity to offer honey for sale to Planting Hope Urban Farm.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Persons applying for this opportunity must have at least 4-5 years of beekeeping experience. They should be able to handle several colonies (10-30+ hives), fill nucleus colony orders, rear queens, and fill queen orders. Preference will be given to veterans of the United States military and Delaware residents. Beekeeper will be required to maintain a safe bee yard on the Campus. Beekeeper will be required to give at least one educational session per year to clients in a Delaware Psychiatric Center Program, and one educational session per year to a class at the Terry Children's Center. Planting Hope Apiary will be included in a network of teaching apiaries, coordinated by the Delaware State Apiarist, and host at least one educational session for beekeepers each year. Beekeeper will be required to maintain a current registration with the Delaware Department of Agriculture and adhere to Delaware Code Title 3, Chapter 75, the Bee Keeping Law (<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title3/c075/>).

TIMING:

The successful candidate will transition with the Planting Hope Apiarist during the late spring and early summer, and assume full responsibility for the Apiary on July 1, 2018 and after signing the

Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement with the Department of Health and Social Services.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Beekeepers interested in this opportunity should mail a letter describing their beekeeping background and outlining their plans for Planting Hope Apiary. Interviews will be conducted with qualified candidates.

The application letter can be mailed to:

Faith B. Kuehn
Plant Industries, Delaware Department of Agriculture
2320 S. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Or emailed to: Faith.Kuehn@state.de.us

Application letters must be received by May 1, 2018.