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Beekeepers Guild of the Eastern Shore Nuc Program:

We have club members that hope to produce nucs in 2015. A nuc (Nucleus) is a small colony of bees. Beekeepers start them from a fully developed colony raised on the Eastern Shore. Nucs typically include three frames of bees, eggs and larva in different stages, two frames of food stores, a queen that has laid that brood and a Virginia State Inspection. We encourage all new beekeepers to purchase bees from a local source. Typically, nucs become available late May/early June and sometimes late June. All is weather dependent!

Price for BGES members will range between \$100.00 and \$125.00. There will be both deep frame and medium frame nucs produced. Non-Members can expect to pay a higher price. Inquire about purchasing over wintered nucs.

As soon as a nuc producer has a nuc ready to sell you will be notified. Once notified, it is your responsibility to respond within 48 hours and arrange to get the nuc without delay. You will need to be prepared to pick-up your bees. The nuc producer may ask you to BRING A SUIT! You will need cash, your hive, all of the frames, a top and bottom, an old tea towel and duct tape! You will be transporting bees in your own equipment, with your own vehicle. **Some of our nuc producers only offer bees packaged in a cardboard nuc sealed and ready to go!** If you are a beginning beekeeper, we strongly suggest that you have a mentor prior to picking your bees up.

Last year, all new beekeepers that wanted nucs received nucs and we are attempting to provide enough nucs this year as well. We encourage you to reserve early for the 2015 season and secure your order with a deposit, if required.

Email your name, address and phone number if you are interested in purchasing bees or providing nucs to club members in 2015.

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