

SAMPLE BEEKEEPER START UP COSTS

Based on Mann Lake 2015 prices unless noted otherwise; very conservative estimate.

		ONE HVE	TWO HIVES
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT			
economy full suit w/ zip on veil	\$80.00		
economy jacket w/ zip on veil	\$58.00	\$58.00	
vented suit w/ zip on veil	\$160.00		
vented jacket w/ zip on veil	\$140.00		
veil only (need hat w/ brim)	\$11.00		
goatskin beekeeping gloves	\$23.00		
box of thick, x long, nitrile gloves on Amazon	\$18.00	\$18.00	
standard hive tool	\$7.00		
j hook hive tool	\$9.00	\$9.00	
7" smoker	\$36.00		
10" smoker	\$39.00	\$39.00	
bee brush	\$5.00	\$5.00	
frame grip	\$9.00		
	\$129.00	\$129.00	\$129.00
HIVES (MINIMUM OF TWO RECOMMENDED)			
4 Western 10 frame set (one hive)			
10 frame kit (unassembled)- \$42 x 4	\$168.00	\$168.00	
10 frame kit (assembled)- \$58 x 4	\$232.00		
telescoping cover	\$23.00	\$23.00	
screened bottom board w/ sticky board	\$29.00	\$29.00	
Vivaldi board w/ screen (try Ruhl for this)	\$31.00	\$31.00	
entrance reducer	\$1.60	\$1.60	
queen excluder, plastic	\$3.75	\$3.75	
mouse guard	\$5.00	\$5.00	
robbing/ moving screen	\$17.00	\$17.00	
top feeder	\$16.00	\$16.00	
frame feeder	\$6.00		
	\$294.35	\$294.35	\$294.35
plus: hive stand w/ waterproof barrier, paint, tie-down straps, site prep (leveling, drainage, windbreak, tree/brush removal)		2nd hive \$294.35	\$294.35
BEEES			
3 lb packaged Italian bees (Ruhl)	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
4 frame deep nucleus hive	\$140.00		2nd package \$110.00
nuc deposit	\$30.00		
plus: transportation costs			
MISCELLANEOUS			
The Beekeeper's Handbook (or other how-to)	\$16.88	\$16.88	\$16.88
Bee Club membership(s) \$15+ each a year	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
HONEY EXTRACTION			
two frame pastic extractor	\$200.00	\$200.00	
motorized 8 frame extractor w/ stand	\$996.00		
uncapping knife	\$19.00	\$19.00	
electric uncapping knife	\$100.00		
uncapping scratcher	\$7.00	\$7.00	
plastic uncapping tank	\$130.00		
BPA freebucket w/ honey gate	\$26.25	\$26.25	
honey gate (to install in your bucket)	\$10.00		
strainer set	\$19.00		
	\$271.25	\$271.25	\$271.25
		\$836.48	\$1,240.83