Bee Packages

- How Packages are put together
- A quick look at a Commercial Operation
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Shaker boxes, the bees are shaken from the hive into these boxes. Then into the package boxes for delivery.
Shaker boxes
filling funnels
All dressed up.
Filling Food cans with Syrup.
Filling cans.
Packages ready to put bees in food can standing by.
3# coffee can to scoop bees into weighing container.
Pouring bees into funnel then into package.
Boxes ready to go.
Stacks of package containers cleaned and ready to go.
Queens getting ready to install in packages. Nurse bees for travel from the Queen supplier accompany Queens.
Hundreds of Queens.
Nurse bees in shipping containers with Queens. To feed and care for the Queen.
Weighing bees and installing them into packages.
Deep boxes in background ready to go out on hives.
Loading and going to Alaska.
Getting ready to load in the B-737 to Alaska.
Bees Arrival in great condition in Anchorage, Alaska
In my garage in Alaska ready for pickup after a three hour flight from Portland, Or. on Alaska Airlines. The bees need to be kept in a cool dark area before distribution.
Blue Berry Bushes require pollination.
Colonies to pollinate Blue Berries.
More Bees
Ropes to tie down. Too tight, crushes hives.
Home made 4x4 fork lift for lifting bees, soft tires for soft fields.
The Boss gets to drive.
Stacked three pallets high. 4 colonies to a pallet.
Careful!!
Progressive Farmers. They figured out bees fly.
Were here! Let's go!
They move bees and don’t cover the entrances. They are loaded the night before and moved in the morning.
The Bees like the warm truck.
Area for bees is mowed and roped off.
Swarm on a hose.
Russian Queen
Russian Queen Brood Pattern.
Drone Comb. For varroa.
Swedish Hives.
Inside Hive
Lots of Honey.
This is called a Long Box.
24 Frames. With Honey supers on top.
Swedish honey room.
Very neat and clean.
Phacelia Flowers, Bees love it. The End