

BEE AWARE

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News and Notes from The Texas Apiary Inspection Service



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The Apiary Inspection Service Beekeepers can remove bees was notified this month that from structures, but look at House Bill 2458 has passed item (2) of the bill. You cannot and will be effective starting use pesticides or electrical devices such as D-Vacs or **September 1, 2007.** Beekeepers will not be required to similar equipment. Use only register with the Structural normal beekeeping equipment Pest Control Board anymore; listed in section 131.001 of the however, they must register Agriculture Code. I know with the Texas Apiary Inspection Service (enclosed is a many beekeepers are happy that these items have changed, but check your copy of section 1.05 for you to liability insurance and be review). responsible for your actions.

SECTION 1.05. Section 1951.056 (a), Occupations code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Sections 1951.212 and 1951.457(c), this chapter does not apply to a person acting as a beekeeper, as defined by Section 131.001, Agricultural Code, who:

(1) is registered with the [board and with the] chief apiary inspector as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter 131, Agriculture Code;

(2) does not use pesticides or electrical devices other than conventional bee smokers or equipment as defined by Section 131.001, Agriculture Code; and

(3) collects, removes or destroys honey bees [not attached to a dwelling or structure occupied by the public].

Please find, on the following page, a sample copy of the **new** Bee Removal Application which can be printed from our website at <http://tais.tamu.edu>

**This is a sample of the form
for a bee removal permit.**

**Please see our website at <http://tais.tamu.edu>
to download and print the form from or call
our office for an application
979-845-9713**

BEE REMOVAL APPLICATION

APIARY INSPECTION SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77843-2475

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NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

_____ CELL PHONE _____

E-mail Address _____

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There is a \$35.00 fee for this permit. Please send a check made out to Texas Apiary Inspection Service.

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LIST COUNTIES

MISCELLANEOUS
