

Complete Beekeeping Short Course

Part 1

**Introduction to
Honey Bees & Beekeeping**



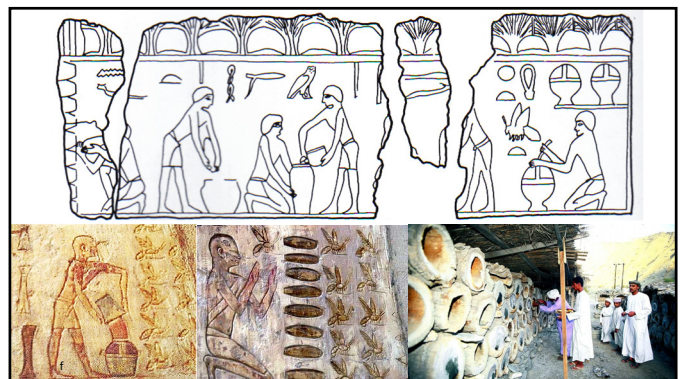
So... you want to keep honey bees?

- you are not alone!
- beekeeping is a popular hobby
- beekeeping is work!
 - expensive to start
 - steep learning curve
 - requires commitment
 - time
 - effort

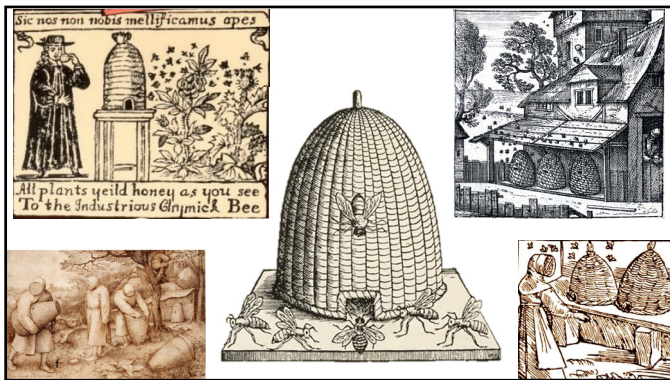


So... keep honey bees!

- the time is now!
- bees are currently in high demand and short supply
- most producers are selling out of early spring bees
- order early to ensure delivery
- don't forget your bee hives and other equipment



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- in nature, honey bees always maintain a certain amount of space between any two honeycombs
- *the bee space* = 1/4" - 3/8"
 - any area larger than bee space
 - bees fill with new comb
 - any area smaller than bee space
 - bees fill in with propolis

"bee space"

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- the basis for the *moveable frame hive*
 - allows individual combs to be removed and inspected
 - rearrange the combs
 - work the colony with minimal disturbance