

## Beekeeping Self Evaluation

*Are you "Meant to Bee"?*

This self-evaluation is intended to help you determine if KPU's Commercial Beekeeping program would be the right fit for you. The first four questions are essential to be successful in this program. We suggest you complete both pages prior to application. If you answer "yes" to the majority of these questions, you are possibly "meant to bee"!

1. I am willing and able to commit to the full-time 11 month beekeeping program.  
Yes  No
2. Full boxes of honey can weigh up to 40 kg (88 lbs). I have a strong back and hands and am physically capable of lifting this much weight.  
Yes  No
3. I am at least 19 years of age and have a valid driver's license in good standing.  
Yes  No
4. If necessary, I am willing and able to relocate out of province for a 5 month paid practicum.  
Yes  No
5. I have a genuine interest in beekeeping, not just as a hobby but as a business opportunity.  
Yes  No
6. I am not afraid of bees and understand the risks associated with beekeeping (i.e- the potential for getting stung).  
Yes  No
7. To the best of my knowledge, I am not allergic to bee venom.  
Yes  No

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8. I would prefer to be my own boss. I am eager to take action to be successful and feel comfortable making important decisions.

Yes  No

9. I have previous experience being self-employed.

Yes  No

10. I feel that I am an organized person that is adept at record keeping, has an attention for detail and is able to execute daily tasks in accordance to an annual calendar.

Yes  No

11. Successful beekeepers need to effectively communicate with growers and suppliers. I feel that I have the necessary interpersonal skills to negotiate contracts and network within the agri-business community.

Yes  No

12. I have previous beekeeping experience.

Yes  No

13. I have previous agricultural (farming/ livestock) experience.

Yes  No

14. I am willing and able to work outdoors, in all weather conditions.

Yes  No