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An Estimated Cost of Beekeeping for Your First Year.

One of the first questions to come up at Beekeeping classes is, “How much does it cost to keep Honeybees?” This is a very good question. Most hobby or back yard beekeepers will keep one or two hives their first year. I always suggest keeping two hives so you can compare the difference. You will gain more knowledge and experience with two hives. The following is a breakdown of cost for your first year based on purchasing all new equipment:

One Hive Setup -----\$229

(Includes bottom board, 2 Deep supers, 20 Deep frames, 2 Honey supers, 20 Honey frames, Queen excluder, Inner cover, Outer cover, and entrance reducer.)

Frame Feeder-----\$10

Package of Bees-----\$110

(3lbs of bees with a queen)

Clothing and Tools ----- \$125

(Veil, gloves, smoker, 2 hive tools, bee brush)

Bee School----- \$100

(School sometimes includes a text book)

Extraction ----- \$15

(Some clubs rent extraction equipment)

Total First year with one hive-----\$589

Total First year with two hives-----\$1038

(Additional hive setup, feeder, and package of bees)