

Bee Keeping

Q: My son-in-law is getting into bee keeping and I want to buy him a book for Christmas. What is the best book to purchase? He lives in Seymour Tennessee.

A: He should also get involved with a local beekeeper group down there when he gets started. I looked around on Google but couldn't find a site for Sevier or Blount counties. He could get in touch with the local UT extension office, or the Sevier County Master Gardeners and they may know of a group or even some training.

Here is the contact information for the Sevier County UT Extension office:

752 Old Knoxville Highway

Sevierville, TN 37862

P: [865-453-3695](tel:865-453-3695)

F: 865-429-7643

Website: <https://sevier.tennessee.edu/>.

Here is the Website for the Sevier County Master Gardeners: <http://www.scamga.org/>.

Bees and other pollinators are important in the Appalachian Highlands and Tri-Cities too! Local folks interested in beekeeping can check out <https://tnbeekeepers.org/bee-clubs/>.

According to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pennsylvania, one-third of all agricultural output depends on pollinators. Even if you aren't a beekeeper, there are some important facts about how critical bees and other pollinators are to the ecosystem, our food, fibers, edible oils, medicines, and other products can be found here:

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/pa/plantsanimals/?cid=nrcs142p2_018171

Thanks for the question and I hope this information helped with your Christmas gifting!