

ALMONDS 2019

If you are getting this email, you are on the 2019 almond list, and I have an estimated # of colonies you want to send.

Keep me updated if your colony numbers change.

I posted a new calendar on the beekeeper's page of the website. I am ready to start filling in loads, starting with the 8-frame pollination at Maricopa Orchards. This farm is first in (by Feb 1st) and first to release bees from soft-shell.

If you plan to sell hives, I try to place in hard-shells. They release later but make honey and fill out better.

Mark every pallet in a way that we know whose bees we are placing. The new FL registration # no longer has the first letter of your last name, so let us know your color code or however we ID, especially on mixed loads.

If you are sending a full load and can afford to pay the trucking out, I can get you better experienced bee haulers, that will really help with your load. Otherwise I must get your truck through my broker, as she is willing to wait until I get paid the first check. Shipping 5 loads per day adds up to ¼ million \$ per week.

The chemical Amitraz will kill the bees if they get wet. We saw last year a severe bee kill when the load was washed at the border. Over half of the colonies were completely dead, but plenty of brood. A fresh mite treatment was placed before shipping, and they were on screen pallets. Not a good combination.

I plan to start placing bees in California about a week earlier this season for those that want to spread their loads out.

Florida will be making fire ant inspections again & with this, California will allow up to 5 worker ants on a load. 0 ants without inspection.

David Westerfeldt resigned his position as head of FL apiary inspection.

I will try to get all details about the new registration laws in California next week. Schedule your bee health inspection now if you have not already done it.

Bee haulers are exempt from the E-Logs again this year.

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