Beekeeping in Northern Climates Classes 2019/20

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Beekeeping in Northern Climates Year 1
(Getting Started in Beekeeping)
Dec. 7, 2019 or Feb. 22, 2020 (same class each time) $150.00
8:30am – 5:30pm Register at Z.umn.edu/beeclassY1
Interested in becoming a beekeeper? If you have had no prior experience keeping bees in our cold climate, this class will teach you everything you need to know for a successful first year. Note: You will need to take the Year 2 class before your second year. You can take them together or best 1 year apart.

Beekeeping in Northern Climates Year 2
(Keeping Bees Year After Year)
Dec. 8, 2019 or Feb. 23, 2020 (same class each time) $125.00
8:30am – 4:30pm Register at Z.umn.edu/beeclassY2
Need help keeping your bees alive and healthy year after year? If you have taken Beekeeping Part 1, this engaging one day course will help you maintain healthy bee colonies long term. This class can be taken the same year as Beekeeping Year 1, although we recommend you take it after your first year of beekeeping. If you did not take year 1 you will need to purchase the manuals.

Beekeeping in Northern Climates: Beyond the Basics
April 4, 2020 $135.00
8:30am – 4:30pm Register at Z.umn.edu/beeclassBB
This class is exclusively for beekeepers that have had the following three experiences: 1) wintered honey bee colonies in a cold climate; 2) introduced a new queen into an existing colony; 3) kept bees continuously for two years.

In this class we will cover alternative management strategies to successfully winter colonies in northern climates, divide colonies in spring, requeen colonies in spring and/or fall, and maintain colonies on natural comb. We will not cover honey harvesting and extraction, or the basics of wintering colonies as these topics are covered in Beekeeping Part 2.