



## ***Raleigh County Schools Honey Extraction Facility Opening Shady Spring High School Vocational Center***



Raleigh County Schools is pleased to announce the opening of their Honey Extraction Facility in the Vocational Agriculture Building on the campus of Shady Spring High School. This project is funded through a \$25,000 2018 Specialty Crop Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.



The Raleigh County Board of Education partnered with the Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association in the development of the extraction facility. This center will be used to expand the current beekeeping program in Raleigh County Schools and provide market opportunities to students, members of area beekeepers associations as well as other interested beekeepers in Southern West Virginia.

Members of the Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association (RCBCA), Fayette County Beekeepers Association, Greenbrier County Beekeepers Association as well as partners with the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective will receive reduced rates for honey extracted.

Any honey extraction job from small to large can be accommodated. This facility was designed by beekeepers for students and area beekeepers and is operated by volunteers of the RCBCA. All funds raised will be invested back into the Raleigh County Schools beekeeping program to expand opportunities for students. All wax capping's donated will be utilized to teach students about products of the hive and to expand learning of different marketing opportunities around beekeeping.



**For 2023, extraction dates and times are:**

Friday, July 14, 2023	3:00PM – 6:00PM
Saturday, July 15, 2023	9:00AM - 1:00PM
Friday, August 4, 2023	3:00PM – 6:00PM
Saturday, August 5, 2023	9:00AM – 1:00PM

***Saturday extraction times may be expanded depending on beekeeper participation. Extraction is “BY APPOINTMENT ONLY” – This ensures that beekeepers are not waiting for long periods while others are getting their honey extracted.***

***Please contact the Raleigh County Beekeepers at [raleighcobees@gmail.com](mailto:raleighcobees@gmail.com) or text the following information to (304)890-0731:***

***Name/Phone Number/Number of Honey Supers to Extract***

***You will be provided a time for your extraction.***

***Please note that due to excessive frame “blow outs” and comb loss, deep frames will not be extracted.***

**Extraction rates are as follows:**

Honey Extracted Per Pound – Member Program Partner	\$ .20
Honey Extracted Per Pound – Non Member	\$ .35
Wax Capping's Extracted per Frame – Member Program Partner	\$ .25
Wax Capping's Extracted per Frame – Non Member	\$ .35

***Member Program Partners are those organizations mentioned above.***



Beekeepers will need to bring their own buckets for honey and any wax capping's not donated to the program. A limited supply of food grade buckets will be available to purchase.

Acceptable forms of payment are Cash or Check only.

We hope beekeepers will take advantage of this opportunity and support the Raleigh County Schools Beekeeping program.