

On January 1st each year, beekeepers operating in California are required to register their hives in the county where they are kept, and renew the registration annually (FAC 29040)

Beekeepers can register their hives electronically through [BeeWhere](#) in addition to filling out a County registration form and paying the \$10 registration fee if you are a commercial beekeeper and your “home county” is Napa.

In Napa County, the registration fee of \$10 will be waived for hobbyist beekeepers (typically defined as beekeepers that possess nine or fewer colonies).

The location of beehives are kept confidential by the County Agricultural Commissioner’ Office and are not disclosed under a public request for information per FAC 29041.

Any apiary operator, or his or her designated representative, must notify the County Agricultural Commissioner if a colony of bees is relocated within the county. (FAC 29070.5).

The origin and destination County Agricultural Commissioner must be notified within 72 hours if a beekeeper relocates a colony of bees from one county to another. (FAC 29070).

By registering with individual counties and in BeeWhere, beekeepers have the opportunity to request notification of pesticide applications that are potentially toxic to bees, and occur within one mile of their beehives.

You can find the complete listing of Food and Ag Code sections at [Bee Management and Honey Production](#).

Regulations regarding the protection of bees can be found in the California Code of Regulations, [Protection of Bees](#)

For additional information or questions, please contact your local Ag Commissioner’s Office. If you’re keeping bees in Napa County, please contact the Napa County Ag Commissioner at (707) 253-4357 or Agcommissioner@countyofnapa.org

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Beekeepers operating in California on the first day of January shall register the number of colonies in each apiary (FAC 29040).

- Beekeepers who move bees into the state, or otherwise come into possession of an apiary that is located within the state after the first of January, shall register the name of the owner and the number and location of colonies moved into the state or so acquired within 30 days after coming into possession of the apiary (FAC 29042).
- It is unlawful for a person to maintain any apiary that is not registered. Each registration is valid until January 1 of the following year (FAC 20945).
- Any person relocating a colony of bees from a registered apiary in one county to another county, where the apiary is not registered for the current calendar year, shall notify the destination commissioner within 72 hours of the first movement (FAC 29070).
- Any apiary operator or his or her designated representative relocating a colony of bees within a county where the apiary is currently registered shall notify the commissioner of the movement (FAC 29070.5).
- Each beekeeper shall pay an annual registration fee of \$10.00 to the Agricultural Commissioner of the county where the bees reside to cover the cost of apiary registration (FAC 29044).