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*Para información en español sobre registraci3n de abejas, llame al (858) 614-7738.*

## **2025 Beekeeper Registration Notice**

California law (Food and Agricultural Code Section 29040) requires all beekeepers to register with their local County Agricultural Commissioner by January 1st each year, or within 30 days of acquiring an apiary. This means that if you are a beekeeper with an apiary in any area within the County of San Diego, whether commercial or non-commercial, you are required to renew your registration by January 1, 2025.

If your apiary is in the unincorporated areas of the county, the County of San Diego Bee Ordinance and Best Management Practices (BMPs) apply. If your apiary is in one of the eighteen incorporated cities within the county (ex: San Diego, Escondido, La Mesa, El Cajon, etc.), that city's beekeeping regulations apply. Please remember whether you are in the unincorporated or incorporated area of the county you must still register your apiary with the County Agricultural Commissioner. You can determine what jurisdiction your apiary is located in using the "Jurisdiction Finder Map" at our website: [www.sdcountybees.org](http://www.sdcountybees.org)

### **Steps to register your apiary:**

1. Provide your apiary locations and number of bee colonies either:
  - a) Electronically using the secure BeeWhere website: [beewhere.calagpermits.org](http://beewhere.calagpermits.org)  
OR
  - b) By completing the enclosed 2025 Apiary Registration form and returning to us by email to [Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov) or postal mail to:

**Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures**  
**ATTN: Apiary Program**  
**9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100**  
**San Diego, CA 92123**

Whether you register electronically using BeeWhere or by paper form, your apiary locations will be uploaded to the BeeWhere website.

If applicable, the enclosed Apiary Registration form includes your previous registration information on file. Please make corrections to reflect any changes for 2025 either on the BeeWhere website or directly on the paper form.

2. If any of your apiaries are in the unincorporated areas of the county:
  - a) Complete and sign the 2025 BMP checklist and return to us along with your completed Apiary Registration form.

- b) If this is your first time registering, or if you have not already completed it in the past, complete the required UCCE online beekeeping course and quiz:

[ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/Online\\_Beekeeping\\_Course/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/Online_Beekeeping_Course/)

### **California Department of Food and Agriculture apiary registration fee update.**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is finalizing a new state apiary registration fee schedule with planned implementation on January 1, 2025. The new fee schedule is based on colony count; 1-9 colonies: \$10 (waived in San Diego County), 10-50 colonies: \$100, 51 or more colonies: \$250. Beekeepers will be notified when the fee schedule is implemented and the payment portal through <https://beewhere.calagpermits.org/> is accessible. Please note these fees may be subject to change until finalized. Our Apiary Program will provide updates as they become available, and the Apiary Program's website (<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/bees.html>) will have these updates posted at the top of the webpage.

To sign up to receive updates directly from CDFA's Apiary Protection Program, visit:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pollinators/ApiaryProtection.html>

### **Request for Pesticide Notification**

As part of the registration process, beekeepers may request to be notified at least 48 hours in advance of an application of a pesticide labeled toxic to bees onto a blossoming plant within one mile of the apiary location. Growers and commercial pesticide applicators conduct these 'bee checks' using the BeeWhere website or through our office. To request notification, complete the appropriate section of the enclosed Apiary Registration form.

### **Contact Us & Learn More**

You may contact our office if you have any questions, or to request an inspection to help you comply with the regulatory requirements:

[1-800-200-BEES \(2337\)](tel:1-800-200-BEES) or [Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Labs.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov).

For more helpful information on beekeeping in San Diego County, visit our website ([www.sdcountybees.org](http://www.sdcountybees.org)) or the University of California Cooperative Extension website ([ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/)).

We look forward to supporting your beekeeping activities, protecting the health of honey bees and the public. Thank you.

Enclosures:

2025 Apiary Registration form

Opt-In for Electronic Registration renewal form



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## Apiary Registration and Request for Pesticide Notification Form

California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections §29000 et seq. establish regulations for apiaries that are enforced by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and County Agricultural Commissioners. Apiaries are also regulated under San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances Relating to Bees and Apiaries, Chapter 9, Division 2 of Title 6.

FAC §29040 requires all beekeepers to register each year with their local County Agricultural Commissioner. Registration is due January 1st, or within 30 days of acquiring an apiary, and expires December 31st each year.

To register, return your completed form to the Agricultural Commissioner's office at the above address (ATTN: Apiary Program) or by email to [Labs.AWM@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:Labs.AWM@sdcountry.ca.gov). Online registration is also available through [beewhere.calagpermits.org](http://beewhere.calagpermits.org). Additional requirements apply for apiaries in unincorporated areas of the county; see the attached letter or contact us for more information.

### **APIARY REGISTRATION SECTION**

Business Name:	
Contact Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State:	
Zip Code:	
Email Address:	
Phone number:	

Please check this box if you no longer have bees in San Diego County and don't plan to keep bees in the future.

Please complete all fields for each of your apiary locations in San Diego County. Attach additional pages if needed.

Number of Colonies	Nearest Community	GPS Coordinates	Complete address, APN, or other location description (nearest landmarks, side of road, etc.)	In use <input type="checkbox"/>

## **REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION SECTION (Optional)**

Beekeepers may request to be notified at least 48 hours in advance of an application of a pesticide labeled toxic to bees onto a blossoming plant within one mile of their registered apiary location. To request notification, please list phone number(s) and at least a two-hour daily time frame during which you and/or an official alternate contact can be reached by a pesticide applicator.

Phone Number(s)	Notification Time frame (minimum 2 hours/day)	Contact Person

I request to be notified and will be available at my expense at the phone number(s) and notification time frame indicated above. I understand if I fail to comply with FAC sections 29043 (timely registration), 29046 (apiary identification), and 29070 (notifying Commissioner within 72 hours of moving hives), I am not entitled to recover damages for any loss incurred from pest control operations (per FAC 29047). I understand that this request for notification expires with my registration on December 31st of this year.

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*By signing below I hereby certify all information on this form to be true and correct.*

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Beekeeper Printed Name

Signature

Date

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County Representative Printed Name

Signature

Date

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### **OPT-IN FOR ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF APIARY REGISTRATION RENEWAL**

Please check the box below and provide an email address if you would like to receive a renewal packet ONLY by email in future years, starting next year.

You can opt-out again at any time by contacting us at [Labs.AWM@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:Labs.AWM@sdcountry.ca.gov) or 1-800-200-2337.

Yes, I would like to receive this packet electronically in future years.

Email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration renewal packets will continue to be sent by postal mail if this section is not completed.