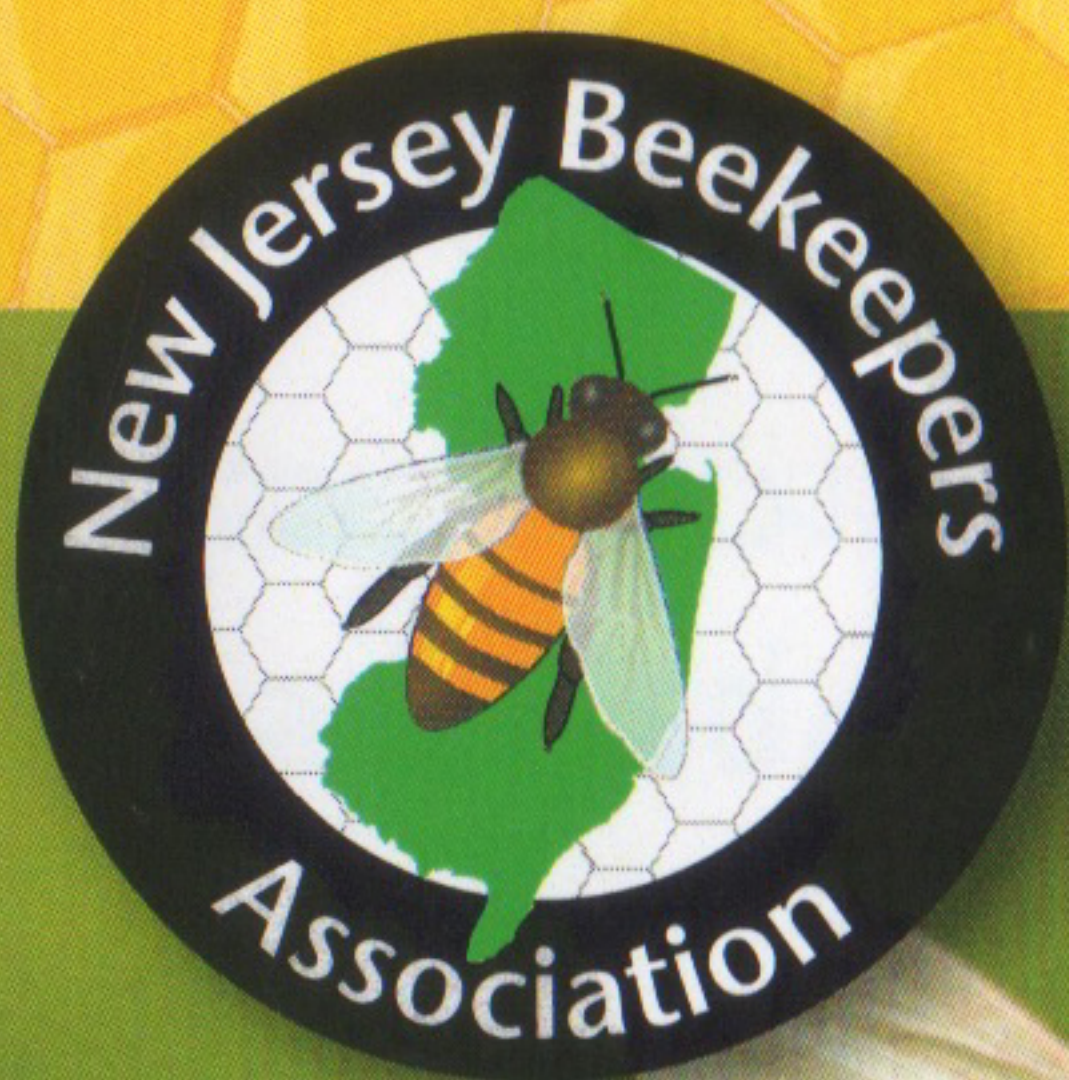


The New Jersey Beekeepers Association



Fostering apiculture
in New Jersey
www.njbkeepers.org



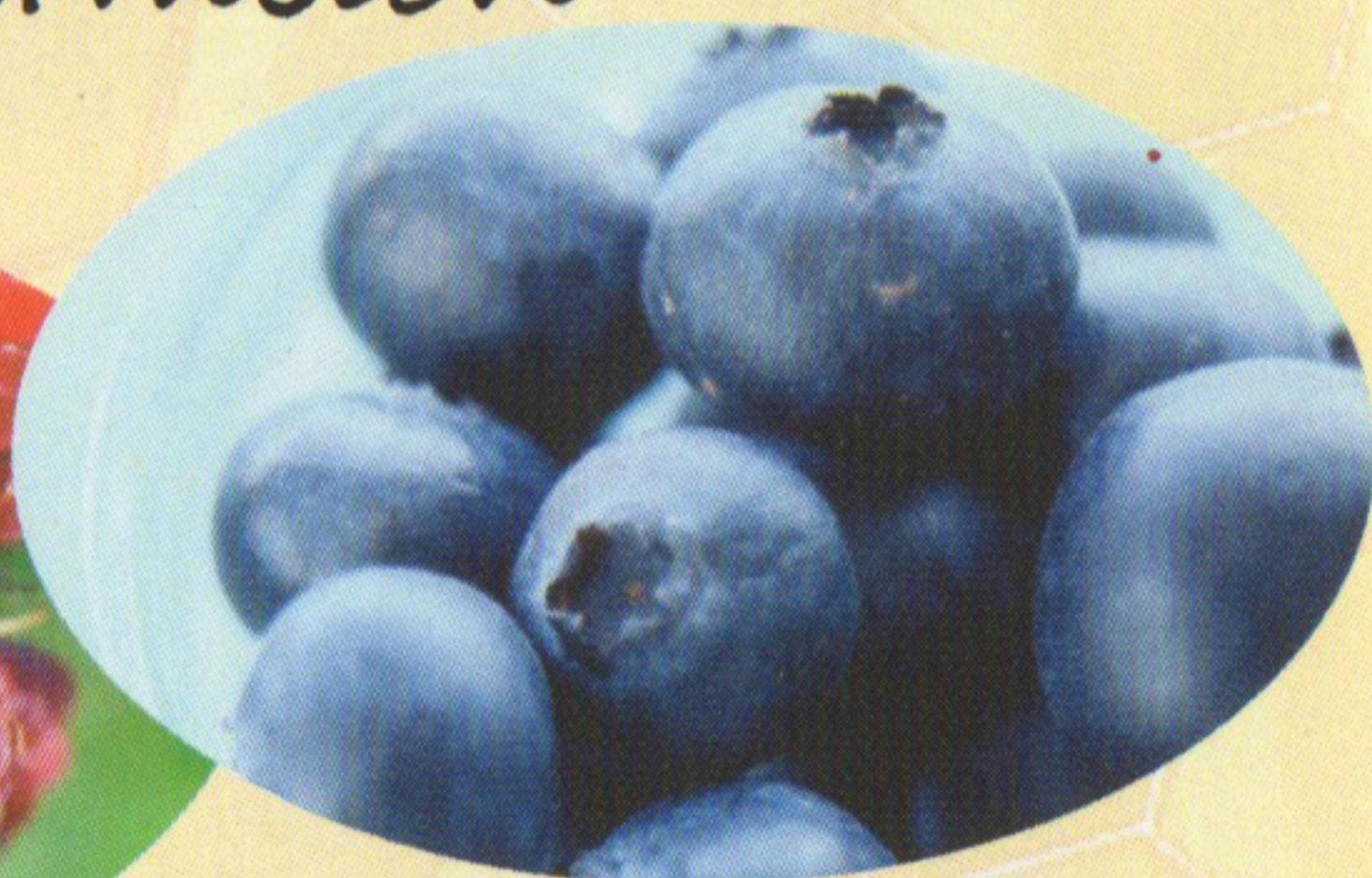
For the
Honey Bees

Why do we need Honey bees?

Honey Bees
account for
80%
of all insect
pollination

One out of every three mouthfuls of food we eat is the result of pollination by honey bees. New Jersey crops pollinated by honey bees include:

Apples • Blueberries
Cranberries • Cucumbers
Pumpkins • Raspberries
Squash • Strawberries
Watermelon



Good bee-havíor

Honey Bees do sting, but only as a last resort--in self defense and only once--as they die when they sting. Most stings blamed on bees are more likely due to other insects which can sting repeatedly, like wasps and hornets, and yellow jackets, which are a kind of wasp.

Honey Bees are

- Gentle and Manageable
- Superb Pollinators
- Beneficial to Farming
- Beneficial to Wildlife
- Enjoyable to Keep



All about Honey

Honey is a quick, easy, and delicious all-natural energy source, whether you're looking for an energy boost or just a sweet reward after a long workout.

It takes 12 Bees a lifetime of work to make one teaspoon of honey

One pound of honey requires the nectar of two million flowers.

Bees visiting two million flowers = 56,000 flight miles- that equals twice around the globe!

New Jersey bee colonies need 60-90 pounds of honey to get them through the winter.

Honey is a natural cough suppressant and sore-throat soother.

Honey can be used to fight infections and speed healing in wounds.

For more information about the benefits of honey, visit www.Honey.com



Why keep bees?

Keeping bees is an enjoyable hobby that puts the keeper in tune with nature. Honey Bees benefit the environment wherever they are kept.

Why do honey bees need our help?

Honey bee populations have declined in recent years due to many factors including disease, pesticides, parasites, and environmental changes that affect the pollen and nectar needed by honey bees to stay strong. However there are many things that anyone can do to help honey bees and native pollinators, which include bumblebees, butterflies, and hummingbirds

What You Can Do

Plant for the bees

Bees prefer meadows of weedy wildflowers, and nectar-bearing trees and shrubs such as black locust, linden or basswood, tulip poplar, Russian olive, sumac, and others. Consult the New Jersey Beekeepers Association (www.njbeekeepers.org) and other internet resources for bee-friendly plants you can cultivate. Encourage your local municipality to do the same.

Use caution with pesticides

Use as little as necessary and never apply to plants where bees are foraging.

Diversify plantings where possible

Varieties of crops provide more food for the honey bee.

Buy local

Support local beekeepers by buying local honey and other bee products.



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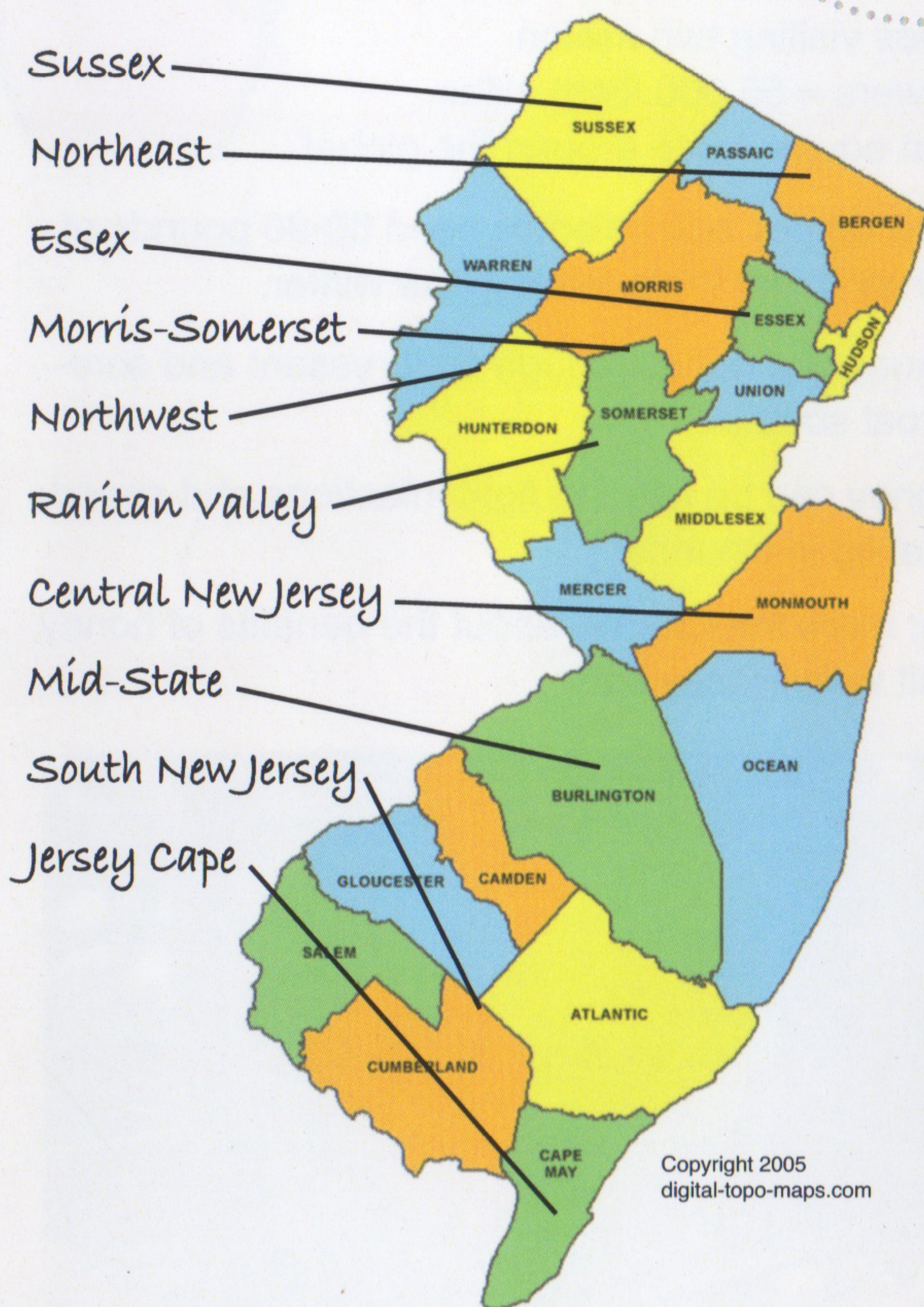
The New Jersey Beekeepers Association (NJBA) is a state-wide organization of backyard, sideline, and commercial beekeepers. The purpose of the organization is to foster and promote the art and science of beekeeping in New Jersey, educate residents of the Garden State about the state insect, the honey bee, and its vital role in agriculture, and promote public policy that nurtures and supports the honey bee.

NJBA has local branches covering all of New Jersey. Meetings take place throughout the year at both the state and local branch level. Day-long meetings at the state level usually include one or more professionals from the beekeeping, academic and research communities. These meetings provide a great opportunity for the exchange of ideas and to discuss experiences with other beekeepers and naturalists from around the state.

Local branches play a vital role in the beekeeping community and typically have monthly meetings throughout most of the year. Here members can discuss their own experiences, attend seminars of local interest, visit bee yards, participate in social events, and other activities as the branch organization may decide. Mentor programs for the new beekeeper are typical. We welcome all who have an interest in beekeeping. Beekeepers and non-beekeepers alike are welcome to participate.



The New Jersey Beekeepers Association Branch Locations



To join the NJBA or to locate and attend one of our meetings, please visit our Web site at
www.njbeekeepers.org
or send an email to
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