

## The Beekeeper's Handbook, Third Edition

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Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile have revised and expanded their clear and comprehensive guide to cover changes in beekeeping. They discuss the crisis created by the parasitic bee mites. In less than a decade, for example, Varroa mites have saturated the North American honeybee population with disastrous results, devastating both managed and wild populations. The new edition of *The Beekeeper's Handbook* covers mite detection and control as well as the selection and testing of bees that may have some tolerance to mites. \*Serves as a comprehensive well-illustrated introduction for beginners and a valuable reference for the experienced beekeeper.\* Outlines options for each operation within beekeeping, listing advantages and disadvantages of each alternative. \*Provides easy-to-follow directions and diagrams.\* Includes glossary and updated bibliography suggesting more detailed information on the topics discussed.

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