



HONEYBEES 2026	PACKAGES		NUCS	
	Price Each	Quantity	Price Each	Quantity
ITALIAN	\$170		\$220	
RUSSIAN HYBRID	Not available		\$220	
CARNIOLAN	\$170		Not available	
CAUCASIAN	\$170		Not available	

Pickup date: TBD the week of April 20. You will be notified of the final date by email.
Please make sure you have a current email address on file with us!

We encourage you to order early. Quantities are limited; orders will be filled on a first come/first served basis. Order deadline is March 30, 2026, but we may sell out prior to this date. Pre-payment in full is required to place and secure an order. You will receive a 3% discount for payments made by cash or check.

PACKAGES: contain three pounds of loose bees with feed, and an unmarked mated queen in a separate queen cage. Available for Italian, Carniolan and Caucasian bees only.

NUCS (nucleus colony): an already thriving colony of bees with an unmarked mated queen and five deep frames of honey, pollen, and brood. This is a great ‘head start’ for Vermont beekeepers. They’re about 3 weeks ahead of packages in colony development. Available for Russian Hybrid or Italian only. These are not overwintered nucs.

ITALIAN: Known for their gentleness, prolific reproduction & comb building, their disinclination to swarm, white honey cell cappings (attractive for producing “cut comb” honey), cleanliness and resistance to diseases.

RUSSIAN HYBRID: Strengths include excellence at wintering over, hygienic behaviors resulting in better resistance to varroa and tracheal mites, high honey yield and the ability to rear massive amounts of brood in a short time to closely follow periods of high nectar and pollen flow.

CARNIOLAN: Strengths include calm and docile behavior on the comb, sense of orientation/direction, brood resistance to diseases and parasites, reduced consumption over winter, explosive spring buildup, less prone to robbing, and don’t use excessive amounts of propolis.

CAUCASIAN: Becoming more popular due to their longer tongues, increasing honey production with the ability to forage different nectar sources, and their ability to thrive in colder climates. Similar to Italians in production and like Carniolan in temperament.

Pick up agreement:

Due to the perishable nature of the product, we require pick up within 24 hours of the time the bees arrive at the store. We will confirm the exact arrival date no later than 1 week prior to expected arrival. Bees left over 2 days will be considered abandoned and eligible for re-sale. There are no refunds for unclaimed bees. Erskine's Grain & Garden will provide refunds only if (a) we are able to re-sell an order cancelled by the customer or (b) we are unable to fill the customer’s order as placed.

I have read & understand the pickup agreement outlined above:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____