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**Registrations.**

- (A) ~~The department of agriculture, apiary section, shall make reasonable efforts to register all apiaries where honey bee colonies are kept in this state. Pursuant to section 909.02 of the Revised Code, all persons required to register their apiary may find an application on the department's website [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov). Renewal registration applications are also available at the department's website.~~
- (B) ~~All deputy apiarists shall carry apiary registration applications, inspection reports, registration and disease printouts and anything else the director may require in carrying out the responsibilities of the apiary inspection work. Any unregistered apiaries shall be reported and a blank application given to the beekeeper if present during inspection.~~
- (C) ~~Renewal registration applications and no consent forms shall be mailed by the department of agriculture to all previously registered beekeepers, annually on or before the fifteenth of February.~~
- (D)(B) Honey bee colonies moved within this state for pollination purposes shall be returned to an Ohio registered apiary no later than ten days after the conclusion of the pollination service for the crop involved. Colonies which are not returned as required shall be considered a permanent apiary, which shall be registered in accordance with section 909.02 of the Revised Code. Any
- (C) Any person moving honey bee colonies moved into this state from outside for the purposes of pollination shall be notify the department at least seven days prior to the shipment of bees into the state. The notice shall be accompanied by a current certificate of inspection by an authorized inspector from the state or country wherein shipment or movement originated. The certificate shall identify all pathogens and parasites diagnosed and any controls that were implemented. The owner shall provide an address, coordinates, map or description of the location where the hives will be placed as well as the period of time in which the bees will be at that location. If the hives are at a location for longer than two consecutive months, that location shall be registered as an apiary in accordance with section 909.02 of the Revised Code, required to register. These colonies may be inspected by the state or deputy apiarist.

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