

## **Bee Yard Site Evaluation Tool**

Print this chart and use it to evaluate a potential site. Poor conditions are on the left – better conditions are on the right. Think about each factor and rate whether your site falls closer to the example in the left column or the example in the right column. Place a mark in the corresponding circle.

Uninterrupted forest, cultivated land or commercial orchard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Mixed deciduous trees and open land
No water, or only cropland run-off	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Fresh water within 50'
Full shade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Full sun
Morning shade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Only afternoon shade
Hives must face north or west	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Hives can face south or southeast
Bee yard with no windbreak	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Bee yard protected from wind
Bee yard at top of hill or at toe of a slope	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Yard with good air drainage
No vehicle access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Motorized vehicle access
Visiting yard requires travel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Yard near your house
Hives not visible from indoors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Can see hives from indoors
In flood-prone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Away from flood areas
Higher fire risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Low fire risk
Bears in area, need fencing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Bears unlikely
Bees banned or require variance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Bees allowed
Neighbors within 200 feet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Neighbors no closer than 200' away
Yard in remote area w/vandalism or theft risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Yard in secure area, under observation
Location conflicts with other human uses of the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Location away from other human uses