Beekeepers raise honeybees with the purpose of harvesting honey from the honeycombs. Some beekeepers raise bees for personal honey production, and others harvest the honey to sell. An understanding of how bees behave, bee biology, and the process of honey production enables beekeepers to manage the process within special man-made hives. Beekeeping requires equipment that includes hives, frames, and a hive stand. Within the beehive, the beekeeper will also need a brood chamber to house the queen. Veils, Smokers, and Supers: Equipment of Beekeepers. Beginning With Honeybees. Beekeeping Basics.