



**African Honey Bee
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PROGRAM**

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African Honey Bee Removal Service Training

Currently in Florida, only 5% of pest control operators offer honey bee removal services, and now that the African honey bees have arrived, PCOs have an opportunity to expand their customer base.

The University of Florida, via the AFBEE program, has created a user-friendly training program to certify PCOs for removal of honey bees (both African and European). This program trains pest control professionals in compliance with the Florida Department of Agriculture's regulations.

African honey bee control is a major revenue source for companies in Texas, Arizona, and California; also, it is a beneficial public service that promotes community safety and responsibility.

The program offers specific sections that cover areas of trapping and removal such as setting and maintain swarm traps, removing swarms from property, removing established colonies, and bee-proofing property to prevent both swarms and colonies.

African honey bee removal is a service that benefits everyone involved--pest control professional, customer, and community.

- The program features several presentations that focus on different aspects of removal services
 - General Information about the African honey bee is provided within the program
 - A section on swarm prevention trapping describes the methods of setting and maintaining honey bee swarm traps.
 - Specific official protocols are given for swarm and colony removal
 - Safety information and equipment lists are provided within each presentation.
 - Program offers a suggested business model that includes multiple tiers of service
 - Training can be acquired by attending live presentations or acquiring electronic media for self-paced learning.
 - Additional and more detailed information is available online through the AFBEE Program's website: <http://afbee.ifas.ufl.edu>
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