

Elite Honey and Bee		Kossian Farms		Rainy Day Bees		Seattle Bee Services		
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Business Description	Elite Honey & Bee is a small-scale honey producer and marketer of local urban honey since 2011. Founder Dave Schiefelebin has been transporting and selling bees for almost as long. He manages about 100 urban honey bee colonies, teaches classes and offers consulting services to other beekeepers.		We offer 4 pound packages for quicker build up in spring. We do our best to offer a very competitive pricing.		Rainy Day Bees is a local hive management, consultation, and bee sales company. We focus on bees that are gentle, productive, and hardy in our cold, wet climate, such as the Golden West queen line.		Local business dedicated to offer high quality beekeeping and services to the PNW community. Earliest nucs available to get you started in your journey!	
Breeding Stock	Bee breeding is a business, and like it any business if it does not strive for constant improvement, it will fail. Established and reputable breeders (like Heitkam's Honey Bees, our supplier) are careful in their practices and selective about the traits they try put into their bees. For years Heitkam's has been working in cooperation with the likes of Steve Sheppard, Sue Cobey, Brandon Hopkins (WSU research) and most recently expert queen breeder Megan Mahoney (Mahoney Bees and Queens). Combining breeding tools and expertise in the beekeeping industry, these partners are working tirelessly to develop a honey bee that is naturally resistant to Varroa mites and possesses traits for success in commercial beekeeping. VSH is just one of many traits that go into the selection process of the breeder queens from which our queens then are generated. A better way to describe our queens is that they come from breeder stock whose selected traits include productivity, hardiness, strong over-wintering and a reduced susceptibility to pests (including varroa) and pathogens. Artificially inseminated breeder queens, isolated mating yards, human-powered inspection of the brood pattern of new queens all lead to an exceptional product. Our multi-generational family breeder is in it for the long-term, and our decades-long association with them causes us to trust the quality of the product they produce.		Kossian Farms is a growing business that focuses on honey production in individual floral variety. We have over 12 years of experience beekeeping in the PNW.		We specialize in Golden West nucs and packages, also providing options for the standard races (Italian, Carniolan, Sakataraz). The Golden West queen line was/is developed by Randy Oliver, with a heavy focus on breeding for mite resistance.		Latshaw Apiraries	
Packages	Elite Honey & Bee will be selling 3-pound Package Bees (which includes a mated 2026 queen) from Heitkam's Honey Bees in Orland, CA. Buyers will have a choice of four races: Italian, New World Carniolan, Caucasian bees and a special Italian/Carniolan cross with unique "tiger stripe" coloration. Cost is \$204.00 per package. \$4 is refundable upon return of the core box dropping the price to \$200.00. Because he believes queen marking can unduly stress or damage a queen, our breeder does not mark queens. For our customers that insist on marked queens, we do our best to accommodate.		Yes		3lbs bees with a mated queen (Golden West, Sakataraz, Italian, Carniolan); raised by Olivarez Honey Bees in Chico, CA; \$195-\$200 depending on queen race; queens not marked.		No	
Nucs	Elite Honey & Bee will be selling 5-Frame early spring nucs from Heitkam's Honey Bees in Orland, CA. With our 5-(deep) frame nucs you get bees on drawn comb, an established brood nest, honey & pollen stores, and most importantly, a young 2026 queen that has been accepted by the colony. All brood in the nuc is from the nuc's own queen. All queens are professionally patterned and graded in the field prior to being transported to Washington. Each nuc will have 3-4 frames of brood in various stages, honey and pollen. Our nucs have been set up 4+ weeks prior to sale. We call them "aged" nucs. Nucs are delivered in permanent wood or hard plastic boxes, which customers can choose to keep or return. We purposely avoid using the disposable nuc boxes and WE ENCOURAGE RETURNS SO BOXES CAN BE RECYCLED & RE-USED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, THUS REDUCING COSTS TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND KEEPING OUR LANDFILLS A LITTLE LESS FULL. Bees choices are Italian, Caucasian, New World Carniolan and a special Caucasian/Carniolan cross with unique "tiger stripe" coloration. All are subject to availability. Cost is \$299 per nuc. \$20 is refundable upon return of the nuc box dropping the price to \$279. Because he believes queen marking can unduly stress or damage a queen, our breeder does not mark queens.		No		5 frame deep nuc; raised by Golden West Bees (Randy Oliver and sons); Golden West race; \$300; Not marked; Not overwintered		Each nuc has : - 3 frames of brood in various stages (eggs, larvae, and capped brood). - 1 frame of resources (honey and pollen). - 1 frame of wax/resources/brood, depending on weather conditions. - A healthy Latshaw Carniolan queen, well-established and laying for multiple generations within the nuc. (Unmarked and of the year) - Bees and a reusable ProNuc box (brand new and ready for use). - 1 pollen patty (1 lb.) to support development if the weather doesn't cooperate. Pricing : - March 28th pick-up : \$295 - April 18th pick-up : \$260 - May through July : \$230	
Queens	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Warranty	As always, customer satisfaction is our goal... so we stand behind the quality of the queens we sell with a full and immediate replacement warranty. Our queens are fully guaranteed to your reasonable satisfaction. There is no specific time limit for warranty adjustments. We do our utmost best to work with the needs of our customers.		We will replace a queen if she is lost during installation.		Packages and nucs are guaranteed to be in good condition when picked up by customer. Packages with dead queens should be returned for immediate exchange. Nucs with queen problems may be exchanged within 1 month of pickup. If there are other issues, contact Rainy Day Bees for resolution options.		If unsatisfied, Full refund of replacement of nuc(s) within 15 days of delivery	
Dates for pickup and location	Our historical goal is to have the honey bees in Seattle by the 2nd or 3rd week of April, with distribution on Sundays. Our first load of bees is then followed by a second load of bees two weeks later. As it stands now, our two targeted pickup dates are April 12th & 26th. Specific pick-up details will be emailed to all customers as soon as we have the final confirmation from our breeder. Our historical goal is to have the honey bees in Seattle by the 2nd or 3rd week of April, with distribution on Sundays. Our first load of bees is then followed by a second load of bees two weeks later. As it stands now, our two targeted pickup dates are April 12th & 26th. Specific pick-up details will be emailed to all customers as soon as we have the final confirmation from our breeder. An east-side distribution base has been our custom. Delivery and pickup has historically been Bellevue or Medina.		First full week of April. Pickup In Monroe, WA		Packages: first half of April Nucs: end of April/early May Bees will be picked up in Shoreline or Carnation. There will likely be a nuc pickup option in Olympia.		Starting March 28th 2026 There are 2 pick-up dates where people sign up and come grab their nucs, meeting in Beacon Hill/Columbia City.	