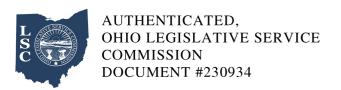# Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:5-55-01 Definitions.

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As used in Chapter 901:5-55 of the AdministrativeCode

(A) "Africanized honey bees" means any bees identified by the United States department of agriculture by approved identification methods to be classified as apis mellifera scutellata.

(B) "Beekeeper" means the person who is the owner or person responsible for the care of honey bee colonies.

(C) "Control" means using any USDA/EPA approved method to eliminate or significantly reduce the disease symptoms or pest.

(D) "Department" means the Ohio department of agriculture.

(E) "Deputy apiarist" means a county apiary inspector appointed by the board of county commissioners with the consent and concurrence of the director of agriculture.

(F) "Deputy state apiarist" means a state apiary inspector employed by the department of agriculture who supervises and trains deputy apiarists.

(G) "No consent form" means a document that may be signed by a beekeeper which indicates that the department may not enter their property for the purposes of inspection without the beekeeper's approval. No consent forms may be found at the department's website www.agri.ohio.gov.

(H) "Nuc" means a smaller "nucleus" colony of bees in a box with three to eight frames containing a laying queen bee and her progeny in all life stages. The nuc shall have honey and a viable population sufficient enough to develop into a full sized colony.

(I) "Pest" means an animal or insect that may cause harm to the honey bee colony.

(J) "Pollination" means the use of honey bees for the transfer of pollen in the production of agricultural crops.

(K) "Queen rearing apiaries" means any apiary in which queen bees are reared for sale or gift.

(L) "Serious bee disease" means any bee disease the director of agriculture determines to be a threat to the beekeeping industry within the state.

(M) "USDA/EPA" means United States department of agriculture and the environmental protection agency.