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January 23, 2008

Mr. Michael C. Price
1031 Gibraltar Road
Key Largo, Florida 33037

Dear Mr. Price:

We in the Apiary Inspection Section, as representatives for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Apicultural Industry would like to thank you for your conscientious effort for the public safety of Florida's citizens, businesses, and the tourist industry by signing and agreeing to comply with the Best Management Practices (BMPs) for maintaining European Honey Bee colonies.

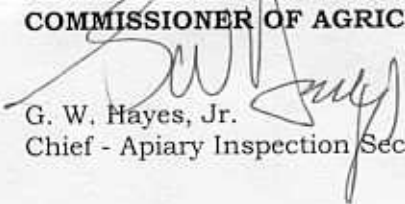
We have numbered your agreement and have returned a copy for your records. The original will become part of your beekeeping file and is renewed annually. Your BMP expires in January 2009.

The test results on the samples that were submitted to the Division's Apiary Inspection African Bee Laboratory were found to be a high percentage of the gentle European Honey Bees.

If you find that you have any questions please feel free to contact us and thank you once again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. BRONSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE


G. W. Hayes, Jr.
Chief - Apiary Inspection Section

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BEEKEEPER COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

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1. NAME & MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER OR AGENT: Michael C. Price 1031 Gibraltar Road Key Largo, Fl. 33037	2. APIARY(IES) LOCATIONS BY COUNTY Home Yard - Monroe County
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I/we agree to follow the Best Management Practices for maintaining European Honey Bee Colonies to minimize the threat of Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) in the state of Florida, I further agree to participate in the dilution process of any feral AHB populations that may become established in Florida, by maintaining gentle managed honey bee colonies that are vital to this effort.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR
 MAINTAINING EUROPEAN HONEY BEE COLONIES**

1. Beekeepers will maintain a valid registration with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Division of Plant Industry (FDACS/DPI), and be current with any and all special inspection fees.
2. A Florida apiary may be deemed as EHB (European Honey Bee) with a minimum 10% random survey of colonies using the FABIS (Fast African Bee Identification System) and/or the computer-assisted morphometric procedure, ie. Universal system for the detection of Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) (USDA-ID), or other approved methods by FDACS on a yearly basis or as requested.
3. Honey bee colony divisions or splits should be queened with production queens or queen cells from EHB breeder queens following Florida's Best Management Practices.
4. Florida beekeepers are discouraged from collecting swarms that cannot be immediately re-queened from EHB queen producers.
5. Florida Beekeepers should practice good swarm prevention techniques to prevent an abundance of virgin queens and their ready mating with available AHB drones that carry the defensive trait.
6. Maintain all EHB colonies in a strong, healthy, populous condition to discourage usurpation (take over) swarms of AHB.
7. Do not allow any weak or empty colonies to exist in an Apiary, as they may be attractive to AHB swarms.
8. Recommend re-queening with European stock every six months unless using marked or clipped queens and having in possession a bill of sale from a EHB Queen Producer.
9. Immediately re-queen with a European Queen if previously installed clipped or marked queen is found missing.

10. Maintain one European drone source colony (250 square inches of drone comb) for every 10 colonies in order to reduce supercedure queens mating with AHB drones.
11. To protect public safety and reduce beekeeping liability do not site apiaries in proximity of tethered or confined animals, students, the elderly, general public, drivers on public roadways, or visitors where this may have a higher likelihood of occurring.
12. Treat all honey bees with respect.

5. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE <i>Michael C. Price</i>	6. PRINTED NAME & TITLE Michael C. Price Bee keeper / owner	7. DATE SIGNED 10/17/07
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The affixing of the signatures below will validate this agreement, which shall remain in effect until canceled or renewed, but may be revised as necessary or revoked for noncompliance. All previous versions of this compliance agreement are superseded and rendered obsolete by this document.

	8. AGREEMENT NO. FL-044001 P BMP 179
	9. DATE OF AGREEMENT 10/17/07

10. OFFICIAL NAME & TITLE Gerald W. Hayes, Assistant Chief - Inspection	11. OFFICIAL ADDRESS Division of Plant Industry Apiary Inspection Section P.O. Box 147100 Gainesville, FL 332614-1416
12. OFFICIAL SIGNATURE <i>GW Hayes</i> 1/24/08	