Beekeeper

**Job Description:** Raises, breeds, and collects materials produced by bees. May also research and maintain the impact of the ecological impact of bees in the areas of conservation and biodiversity.

**What does a Beekeeper do?**

* Harvest naturally produced materials such as honey, wax, and jelly for market purposes
* Monitor bee/hive health and activity and record observations
* Determine best location for pollination and move beehives accordingly
* Promote health of plants dependent bee populations and pollination
* Research the effects of pesticides, the spread of parasites, and Colony Collapse Disorder
* Wear and maintain protective clothing, gear, and equipment
* Emphasize conservation efforts to protect and maintain bee species, populations, and ecological impact
* Educate the public on beekeeping operations and the impact of the bee population on the environment

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like working outdoors?
* Are you interested in conservation efforts?
* Are you interested in nature and the environment?

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $35.12 hourly, $73,060 annually

Projected Job Openings – 84,800 in the next 10 years

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Entry level positions requires a high school diploma or a bachelor's degree when focused on research
* Degree paths include entomology, biology, ecology, environmental science, and other related degree paths