

## Treasure Valley 2022 Nucs

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The use of a nucleus hive, a "nuc," is one of the most reliable ways for a beginner to establish a new bee hive. A nuc is a half-sized bee hive consisting of four frames, with at least two frames with brood and a laying queen. Other frames in the nuc will be a combination of pollen, brood and honey. All that the new beekeeper needs to do is move the frames into a single full sized hive body and start feeding sugar water. For springtime sugar water, pour a 4 or 5 pound bag of granulated sugar into a gallon jug and top off with hot water, shake until dissolved. No need to cool, you can feed this to the bees immediately.

For 2022, Kevin Duesman and Steve Sweet are taking orders for 4-frame nucs. We plan on picking up 100+ nucs from Vazza Farms, Hermiston, OR and delivering to the Treasure Valley for distribution to local beekeepers. The final delivery date is currently anticipated to be around mid-April to mid-May (dependent on the almond bloom down in California), with a purchaser's pick up planned for:

1. Over a Saturday evening for two hours after sunset,
2. On a Sunday morning for the hour before sunrise, and
3. A Sunday for two hours after sunset.
4. Special pickup arrangements can be made for other times. Check in regularly for answers to questions on anticipated delivery updates, etc.

The nucs will be built from Vazza Farm's strong hives that have come out of this year's almond pollination season in the California Central Valley. Queens will be one year old and either Italian or Carniolan stock. Some queens will be marked and some will not. Unfortunately, marked queens cannot be guaranteed. All the nucs will have been treated this spring for mites with Apivar (Amitraz). No spring treatment by the new nuc owners is anticipated to be necessary. Written instructions for a successful introduction into a full sized hive box will be provided.

Orders will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, with 2022 TVBC members receiving a priority over others. Visit the TVBC web page (<http://www.idabees.org/>) to learn how to join the local Club. Orders will be accepted by emailing either Kevin or Steve, at [kgduesman@gmail.com](mailto:kgduesman@gmail.com) or [boisebeeman@gmail.com](mailto:boisebeeman@gmail.com). Email orders should include "2022 Nuc" in the subject line.

Prices are anticipated to be \$175 per nuc, a price that includes sales tax, payable to "Sweet Honey Co." Steve's mailing address is:

1720 Canova Dr.  
Boise, ID 83706

This year, we will again be providing the nucs in a temporary plastic box that does not need to be returned to Oregon. This saves us all a lot of time and worry, once the bees are hived and at home.

We will be taking pre-payments up until April 15, 2022. After the 15th, we anticipate that any bees that are not paid for will be made available to those on our wait list.