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*Calhoun-Cass-Greene-Morgan-Scott Unit*

## **October 2021 Beginning Beekeeping**

The Calhoun-Cass-Greene-Morgan-Scott Unit partnered with the Apple Creek Beekeeping Club to offer a Beginning Beekeeping course this fall. This 5-part course covered the basics of keeping honey bees from the history of beekeeping, honey bee biology, beekeeping equipment, beekeeping through the seasons, and products from the hive. There was also a hands-on Hive Day where participants were able to learn how to work with the different tools used in beekeeping and observe an active hive.

The 16 participants, many of whom had never kept honey bees before or had just begun keeping bees, were able to learn from members of the Apple Creek Beekeepers and the local Apiary Inspector with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. These beekeepers were able to share their personal experiences with the participants.



All participants who filled out evaluations indicated they had a deeper understanding of beekeeping due to taking the course. They all also said they would use at least some of the information that was presented. Those that already keep honey bees indicated that they would change at least some of their practices due to participating in this course.

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