



LÁSZLÓ KÓKAI

Former teacher with 29-year career, now a beekeeper, with farm that has 3 sites and several types of hives

Identification details:

Name: László Kókai

Location: Abony, Cegléd and Törtel in Pest county, as well as Karancskeszzi in Nógrád county

Farm size: 6,5 ha

Year of foundation: 2015

Main activities: beekeeping, honey production

Web / Facebook / Twitter: N/A

The founder of the farm left his 29-year career as a teacher to start beekeeping, using his interest in beekeeping as his main motivation. The activity was started with 13 bee colonies and minimal, outdated tools and equipment. Currently, the activity is carried out at 3 permanent sites, on 1,8 hectares in Abony, on 3600 m² in Cegléd and on a rented 4 ha area in Törtel. The collection of northern acacia is possible in Karancskeszzi, on an area of 0,25 hectares. The main products are honey and wax, the majority of products are sold to distributors with price orientation. The farmer currently has about 150 bee colonies, which are held in 110 hives on foot (the hive type applied are: Hungarian standard NB15, NB18, NB24 and Hunor), another 40 colonies are held in (Hungarian standard) 18-frame, warm hives of type NB in Tolnai containers. The company has established cooperation with its suppliers and customers. Further cooperation was realized with the National Hungarian Beekeeping Association as a professional organization. The farm benefits from the cooperation by realizing discounts for certain purchases as well as the information shared by the National Hungarian Beekeeping Association. None of these cooperations include sharing equipment or tools, and no cooperation with other farmers, farming groups, networks has been established during the years of activity. Significant investment has not been realized since the beginning of the activity. What distinguishes the farm from other beekeeping farms is that it has 3 sites and several types of hives. Long term plans of the farmer are to maintain its activities.