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Hive Inspection & Harvest Log

A print-and-use hive inspection log so every visit informs the next, plus a harvest & lot sheet so every jar traces back to a harvest.

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Two habits quietly separate a hobby from a honey business: writing down what each hive inspection showed (so a problem is a trend you catch, not a surprise that catches you), and recording every harvest as a lot (so any jar traces back to the hives and the day it came from). This free starter is the two most useful pages of a full beekeeper's logbook: a print-and-use hive inspection log and a harvest & lot sheet, plus a jar-size quick reference and the harvest-to-jars math. Print a stack and keep them in your bee box and at the bottling bench.

A BEEKEEPER'S LOGBOOK — NOT VETERINARY OR REGULATORY ADVICE

These pages help you SPOT and RECORD what your hives and honey are doing — they don't diagnose or treat. Notifiable diseases, above all American foulbrood, go to your apiary inspector; follow every product label and your local honey-labeling and cottage-food law. Honey must never be given to infants under 12 months. Jar weights and the moisture line are typical starting points; confirm with your own scale and refractometer.

KEEP THIS BY THE BENCH

Jar sizes, at a glance

The jar sizes beekeepers sell, with the net honey weight each is filled to and roughly how many fill from a gallon (~12 lb of honey). Honey is sold by net weight; the fluid-ounce size of the glass is smaller, because honey is heavier than water.

Jar size	Net honey wt	Per gallon	Best for
2 oz · Sampler / favor	2 oz · 57 g net	~96 / gal	Wedding & party favors, gift-set samplers, farmers-market taste jars
4 oz · Small gift jar	4 oz · 113 g net	~48 / gal	Gift sets, market add-ons, variety three-packs of different floral sources
8 oz · Half-pound jar	8 oz · 227 g net	~24 / gal	Markets, first-time buyers, single-person households, gift sets
12 oz · Three-quarter jar	12 oz · 340 g net	~16 / gal	Squeeze-bottle regulars, mid-price market jar, kitchen use
1 lb · One-pound jar	16 oz · 454 g net	~12 / gal	The market table standard, repeat buyers, the size most people picture
24 oz · Pound-and-a-half jar	24 oz · 680 g net	~8 / gal	Households that cook with honey, value-minded regulars, restocking buyers
2 lb · Two-pound jar	32 oz · 907 g net	~6 / gal	Bulk-leaning retail, bakers, families, gift for the honey lover
5 lb+ · Bulk pail	5 lb · 2.27 kg net (jugs); ~12 lb / gallon pail	~2.4 / gal (5 lb)	Bakers, restaurants, soap/mead makers, customers who buy a year at a time

Weigh and label every jar by its net weight, and fill a touch over — an underfilled jar is a short-weight jar under net-weight law.

Run the whole apiary, not just the logs

These two pages are a slice of the kit. The Beekeeper's Hive, Harvest & Honey-Lot Logbook is the whole business side of an apiary: a harvest yield calculator that turns frames into jars, a harvest & lot tracker with full lot traceability, a honey & wax inventory and a jar & label inventory with low-stock flags, a cost-per-jar calculator that finally counts your hive costs and your time, and references for jar sizes, hive health, and the seasons — a working Excel workbook (8 tabs) plus five PDF guides. Evergreen.

GET THE FULL BEEKEEPER'S LOGBOOK

Available on the Ardent Workshop storefront. [See the full logbook >](#)

The living version of a beekeeper's logbook

A logbook is a wonderful place to start a honey business and a hard place to scale one. The day you're tracking a dozen lots across several apiaries, jars moving through markets and a farm stand, and packaging that runs low at the worst moment, a stack of pages starts to strain.

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Ardent Seller is inventory, production, and sales software built for makers. Your harvests become tracked production with real lot traceability; your honey, wax, jars, and labels become inventory that draws down as you bottle and sell; your true cost per jar is computed for you; and every jar is traceable from the hive to the sale. There's a free plan to start. [Start free at ardent seller.app >](#)

A note on results. This is a beekeeper's logbook and reference, not certification. The hive-health notes help you spot and record a problem, not diagnose or treat it — notifiable diseases go to your apiary inspector. Jar weights and the moisture line are typical starting points; confirm with your own scale and refractometer. The pricing examples are illustrative, not financial advice.

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