

## PREPARING FOR AND SETTING UP YOUR NUC

### PREPARATION

1. Choose a great spot for your bees

- Full sun is best
- Be mindful of the bees' flight path

2. Prepare your hive bodies.

- You will receive your nuc in a corrugated Jester EZ Nuc. They will be need to be transferred to your box soon after you receive them.

3. Have your equipment ready

- Essential tools for a beekeeper are a smoker, hive tool and veil. Optional items are bee suit and gloves.

4. Make plans for your honey harvest

- While you may not get a harvest your first year, make plans for how you are going to harvest your honey.

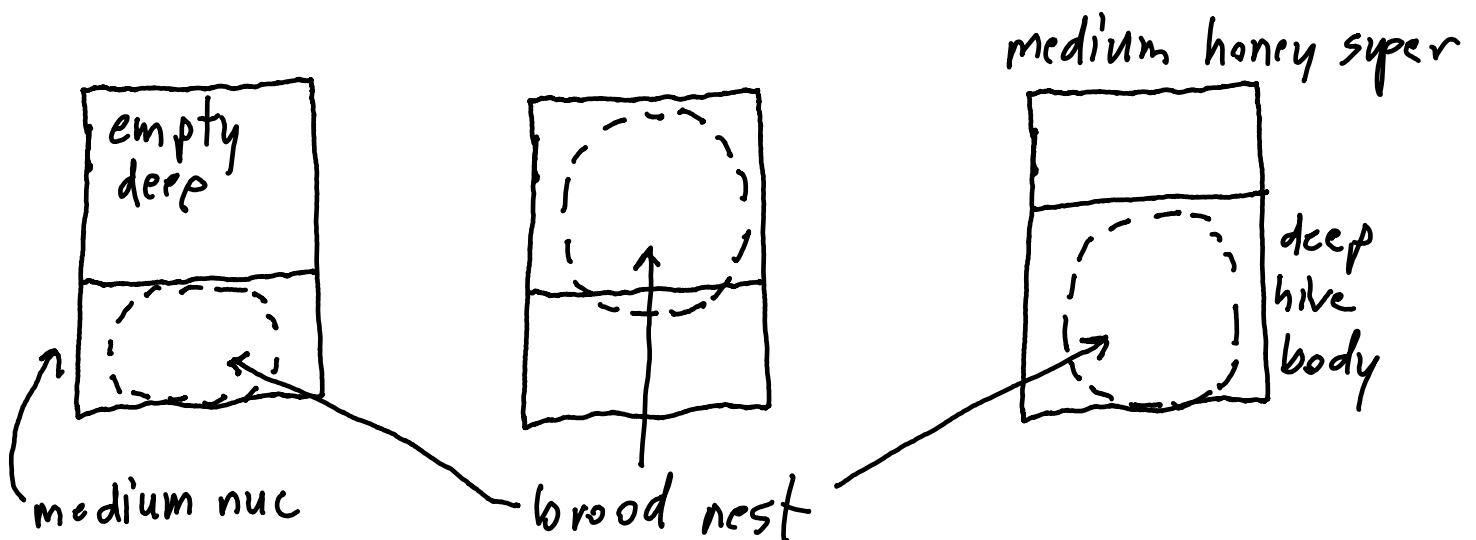
### ARRIVAL

1. When you pick up your nuc, plan to go straight to where they will be permanently located.

2. Set your nuc up, open the entrance and let the bees orient to their new location.

3. Within one week, transfer the frames and extra bees from the Jester EZ Nuc to your hive body. Nucs can increase quickly and run out of room, initiating the swarm response. Be careful not to destroy the queen (she will be marked with the current year's color).

4. The frames in your nuc are mediums (6 1/4"). Many beekeepers use deep hive bodies. You can easily migrate your bees into a deep hive body using the following method:



- Start with an empty deep above your nuc on medium frames
- When the brood nest moves up into the deep box, swap the boxes
- Any brood remaining in medium will hatch and you can now use the medium box as a honey super!

