

Shane Gebauer is the current General Manager of Brushy Mountain Bee Farm (www.brushymountainbeefarm.com) which has locations in Moravian Falls, NC, and New Columbia, PA. Shane will be the guest speaker at the Miami Valley Beekeepers' Association (www.mvbeekeepers.org) on March 1, 2010, at Brukner Nature Center outside of Troy, OH. He will be discussing hive health.

Shane Gebauer has been a beekeeper for over seven years. Soon after he began beekeeping, he left his job as an ecologist with The Nature Conservancy to manage a commercial outfit which sold bee supplies and ran over three hundred colonies in upstate New York. He worked there for about four years before taking the opportunity to become the General Manager of Brushy Mountain Bee Farm in North Carolina.

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm has been in the bee supply business for over thirty-three years and is headquartered in the mountains of western North Carolina and has a second fully staffed and stocked location in New Columbia, Pennsylvania. Brushy Mountain is committed to offering the best quality, best service and best support possible. Their commitment was recognized in 2009 when they were selected as The Small Business of the Year in North Carolina and were only one of seventy businesses in the North Carolina to receive the SHARP award for employee safety. To maintain the quality of their product, they manufacture most of their own woodenware, as well as much of their protective clothing and some metal goods, but they believe the relationship with their customers does not end with the completion of an order. To aid in their customers' endeavors, they offer an information rich website and an ongoing series of free online workshops. Beekeeping is a never ending lesson and they believe in a collaborative relationship with their customers.