1st STOP CHECKLIST: APIARY (BEE KEEPING)

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

[] Apiaries are regulated by the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Plant Industry**. Contact the division at **(614) 728-6373 or (800) 282-1955**. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is also on-line at **www.ohioagriculture.gov**. *Remember to check local government agencies*

[] More information about apiary regulations can be found **in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 909**.

[] If you will raise bees to sell, you will need a **VENDOR'S LICENSE** from **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**. **www.business.ohio.gov** *Remember to check local government agencies*

[] If you will sell honey, please read the following:

- **You cannot sell or label any product as pure honey if it is not pure honey.**
- **If you are selling a blend of honey and other ingredients, the word "blend" or words stating the addition of other ingredients must be more visibly displayed than the word "honey."**

For more detailed information, please see **ORC Section 3715.38**. **www.codes.ohio.gov/orc**

[] Ohio's food labeling and retail food safety rules can be found in **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 901:3 and 901:6-3-01 through 901:6-3-12**. **www.codes.ohio.gov/oac**

[] Ohio's Food, Drug, Cosmetic and Device law can be found in **ORC Section 3715**. **www.codes.ohio.gov/orc**

[] Detailed requirements for specific food and beverage production can also be found in **OAC 901**. **www.codes.ohio.gov/oac**

[] The **ORC** and **OAC** can be found in your local library or on-line at **http://codes.ohio.gov/orc**

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.