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.