

**To All Loudoun Beekeepers Association (LBA) members.  
This is new information. Please read it carefully.**

It is the time of year again to plan for your spring bee and queen needs. Two options for purchasing your new bees and queens are outlined below.

1. Many of you are aware that the Sustainable Honeybee Program (SHP)—formerly known as the queen project—began operations, and produced queens and packages for sale last year. Even though the founders of the SHP are LBA members, SHP is a **separate organization**. SHP will be selling queens and nucleus colonies this spring. Ordering information can be found at <http://www.sustainablebees.org/>.
2. LBA will be receiving package bees from Wilbanks in Georgia. These are Italian bees. We have reserved 120 packages (each package includes a queen) for LBA members in good standing. We expect delivery around the first week in April. The packages will be about \$63.00 (\$65.00 with marked queen) with a potential delivery surcharge if fuel charges warrant. This fuel charge may add another \$1.00-2.00. Bill Bundy is accepting reservations by email ([loudounbee@aol.com](mailto:loudounbee@aol.com)) or telephone (703-779-0894) on a first-come basis for packages with payment due no later than Feb 15. You may also reserve extra queens although that price is not yet firm. The cost for each queen is expected to be around \$15.00 (+\$2 for marking). Checks should be made out to LBA and mailed to:

Bill Bundy  
17883 Dry Mill Rd  
Leesburg, VA 20175

You can also bring your check to the January meeting.