



Regulator-this person utilizes the Bee Control Act for proper operations and other food laws to ensure quality control of packaging houses.

Research Assistant-this person assist in collecting and analyzing data, exploring new value added ideas and research into pests and other threats to bees.

Trader- this individual purchase, package and redistribute honey and other primary products as well as value added products locally and overseas.



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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



IN APICULTURE



Careers in Apiculture

Apiculture is the scientific study of honey bees (*Apis mellifera*), its products and bi-products. Apis is the genus of the honey bees, hence the name Apiculture.



It is often believed that beekeeping is the only career opportunity of this sub-sector. There are a different career choices within the Industry. There are over 3,500 beekeepers in Jamaica who use the Industry as their main source of income. The other direct beneficiaries and career options are as follows:

Apiarist/Beekeeper-a person who raises honey bees. They are the primary producers of products such as honey, pollen, bees wax, royal jelly, propolis and bees.

Apiary Manager-as the name suggests, this individual manages apiaries for beekeepers both locally and internationally.

Equipment Manufacturer-someone who produces, sells and distributes different beekeeping equipment such as hive bodies, frames, hive tools, bee wires, honey extractors, etc.



Extension Officer-someone who provides training and technical support to beekeepers island wide.

Processor-this person converts honey and other products from the beekeeper into value added products; example, honey into flavored honey, wax into hair products and other cosmetics

Project Administrator-a person who performs the necessary tasks to ensure smooth running of beekeeping projects and ensure compliance with the government and safety regulations.