

Southcentral Alaska Beekeeping Association

Obtaining Quality Honey

Required:

- 1. Strong healthy colony**
- 2. Good Access to Quality nectar crop**
- 3. Adequate, clean, honey supers for storage**
- 4. Keep queen confined to brood area**

Frames should have all cells sealed prior to removal from hive.

Warm frames prior to decapping operation.

Use hot and/or vibrating decapping knife.

Extract carefully in a warm environment.

**Honey heated to 130° F and filtered (#80 sieve) will remove defects.
(up to 160° F for one minute) Don't overheat!**

Defects: Pollen, dust, propolis, air bubbles.

Keep odors out of honey – smoke, fermentation, carmelization.