

Welcome to Turtlebee Farms LLC

Display Room Hours & Location

HOURS of OPERATION

for Retail Sales
MONDAY~FRIDAY
8:00am-6:00pm

We are filling orders 5 days a week. Of course, the farm itself is a seven day a week operation. Sometimes there are occasions when everyone has to step away from the farm.

If we know that someone is going to be earlier or later than these hours by all means let us know; we are glad to accommodate. 😊

You may CALL or EMAIL for the best location to find us and to avoid any disappointments.

CLOSED WEEKENDS

TURTLEBEE FARMS' **TWO LOCATIONS:**

THE MAIN FARM & display rooms:

3415 E. Cohoctah Rd.

*Howell, MI 48855

***NOTE:** Use Deerfield Twp when using GPS

Please see our 'DIRECTIONS' Tab for easy to follow directions.

Turtlebee Farm:

12258 Lovejoy Rd. Byron, MI 48418

Please direct all "Snail-Mail" correspondence to our Turtlebee address.

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BEEKEEPING 2017

Celebrating 25 Years @ Turtlebee

HIVES & HONEY BEES

More and more new beekeepers are jumping on board & catching the 'bug' to keep bees. We enjoy helping people be successful or at least learning from their mistakes. One saying that comes to mind is, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Beekeeping is fascinating and if you like to learn or **enjoy a good game of strategy**, ***Beekeeping will likely captivate you!***

HONEY BEES & QUEENS

Thanks to all of you who returned **clean & empty swarm cages** last year. We will continue to accept any and all help in **RECYCLING undamaged cages**. If you have any swarm cages, in good condition, from previous years, **please send them our way**. They can be dropped by either farm location.

Package Bees & Nuclei

No Longer Available
AMAZING...EPIC SEASON 2017

Thank you!!

MATED QUEENS	\$ 33.00
Queens Marked	\$ 5.00
OVERWINTERED MICHIGAN HONEY BEES	
Queens	\$ 75.00
Turtlebee Survivor Stock Add	\$ 75.00

QUEENS will continue to be available throughout the summer.

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BEEKEEPING 101

WINTER WORKSHOPS

@ the Main Farm

Each winter we offer **FREE** 2-hour Beekeeping **WORKSHOPS** **January-April**. You need only attend one workshop. Keep an eye on our **WEBSITE CALENDAR** and click the links for details.

BEE HIVES & CLASSES

Step #1 > FULL-SCALE Beekeeping Classes (BKC) can be found on our **JUNE & AUGUST 'CALENDAR'**. **Click the link** on any day for further details. This will be your single-most important investment to get you off the ground with Beekeeping.

Step #2 > Contact us with the date that works best for you.

If you've ordered a hive from Turtlebee, you will be able to take it home with you after class.

Please see our 'BEEKEEPING' Tab for pricing details & ordering; as well as woodenwares & tools of the trade.

INTERESTED IN FIELD TRIPS ??

(5-star we are told)

We have these available as well. Time & cost customized per interest level & schedule.

Email us: info@turtlebeefarms.com

QUALITY MEATS

GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT HARVEST
25% OFF ALL BEEF & PORK

BEEF & LAMB

NO hormones/steroids or maintenance antibiotics are ever given.

100% GRASS-FED BEEF from start to finish!!

SMOKED BEEF is back by popular demand!!! (Summer Sausage, Polish Sausage & Vienna-Snack Stick style)
<NO MSG, Nitrates or Nitrites added> \$6.00-12.00/pkg

Supplies are Limited. Please do not delay...

Put together your wish list and *Email Today* to be sure you do not miss out. Customers are coming out to the farm daily to shop & for order pick ups. **Monday-Friday (8am-6pm)**

100% GRASS-FED LAMB we are currently taking orders. Put yours in ASAP.

PORK is a high quality meat in good supply; including our BACONS (Sliced, Pepper, Cottage, Canadian & Jowl) and SAUSAGE (Breakfast & Italian/ bulk, links or patties). HAMS & Ham Steaks (great on the grill), GROUND PORK & ROASTS... scrumptious & delicious!

CHICKEN available at this time *& fabulous!*
(Whole, Half, Quartered, 8-piece)
under 4lbs \$4.80/lb 4-6lbs \$4.05/lb over 6lbs \$3.50/lb

STEWING HENS currently available and make the healthiest, most nutrient dense broth imaginable!
One price> approx 2-3lbs \$8.00

Please see our 'Quality Meats' tab for an exhaustive list

MMmmmm.... It's all Scrumptious and Healthy Too!!

Now is the time to come for PORK / BEEF post harvest QUARTERS or SIDES at a 10% SAVINGS to you! We are glad to answer your ???

RENEWABLE FARM

SHARES (RFS) grow as we happily continue to offer our farm products and services *at a savings* to those who invest and enjoy our farm fresh, naturally produced foods. *Please inquire for more details or find them on our 'Quality Meat' tab (pp 4-6).* You're going to want to hear more about how you can receive naturally healthful products from the farm through the 'RFS' program.

"FARM TO TABLE". . .

from our farm to your table

This gives us the ability to provide you with farm fresh foods and your ability to obtain them on account. You select what works best for your household budget also selecting what percent savings you are able to acquire. NO COUPONS OR GROUPONS NECESSARY FOR SAVINGS!!

Farm Shares are for our customers' savings & convenience as well as our ability to run the farm but NOT NECESSARY for making purchases from the farm.

It's a GREAT way to buy locally grown food for your own table!

EGGS-cetera...

HONEY & GIFTS

FARM FRESH BROWN EGGS!

We have a cooler at the roadside on Cohoctah Road with eggs. Quick stops are welcome. So come & get 'em!!!

\$4.50/dozen

Over 10 dozen is \$4.00/dz

NOTE:

Please feel free to stop in; Come to the side door for a warm welcome.

Monday thru Friday (8am-6pm)

CLOSED Saturday and Sunday

For any quantity, you may email your order ahead and we will reserve them for you to pick up (dependent on laying hen cooperation). ☺

TURTLEBEE HONEY

unfiltered & unprocessed

Please call ahead to be sure we have the quantity or size you are looking for or if refills are available at the time you will be coming out. Drop-ins are always welcome; we just want you to be able to leave with what you are hoping for. ☺

Local Honey is BEST for Allergies & Asthma.

It really works! Chew Honeycomb for allergy relief!! You can look up "Folk Medicine" by DC Jarvis, MD for more information on the uses of honey.

HONEYSTICKS... Great table favors or just a treat!

0.35 each 10ct/\$3 50ct/\$14 100ct/\$26

Mix & Match as you like & Have Fun with 'em!

Honey & Honey Stick Prices can be found on our Home page 'Price Lists' links.

GIFT CERTIFICATES...

Gift Certificates have been quite fun for gift giving. Our certificates can be used for any and all Turtlebee Farm products.

**Available In Any Gift Amount
Or Specific Gift...**

(e.g. Hives, Bees, Protective Clothing, Honey & Candles, Skin Care Products, Food & Farm Shares)

Gift Certificates make GREAT GIFTS!

ALL NATURAL PURE BEESWAX CANDLES & SKIN CARE

PURE BEESWAX CANDLES

We use only 100% pure beeswax because of the healing qualities present. All of our candles are HANDCRAFTED by Kathie at the Farm. We have hand-poured candles & figurines in a delightful variety... from tea lights to nativities followed by a wide-selection of molded candles along with candles-in-a-jar. Next we have hand-wrapped honeycomb nightlights, tapers & pillars.

More details can be found on our Home page 'Price Lists' links.

THE BENEFITS OF BURNING 100% BEESWAX

- 1. Negatively charged ions** are released into the air binding with positively charged molecules, neutralizing their damaging effects.
- 2. Toxin-free.** (Paraffin is reputed to have been an aggravator of asthma and have toxic and carcinogenic effects on the human body.)
- 3. Cotton wick** (Commercial wicks may contain metal, iron or resin cores.)
- 4. 100% Pure.** (Commercial candles often contain stearic acid or releasing agents.)
- 5. Cost-effective:** though the cost may seem slightly higher, you get 2-3 times more use from each candle.

BEE JOYFUL ~ALL NATURAL SKIN CARE PRODUCTS

These products are created by our own **Bethany Joy** who began making soaps at 15 years of age and selling them at our weekly farm markets. She is now staying very busy at home in Traverse City with husband Austin and their five busy little bubbles of joy.

Their business is blossoming and has been very successful & well received at the Traverse City Farm Market as well as several Michigan product stores.

Bethany uses only the finest ingredients that moisturize, soothe & protect the most sensitive skin types.

❧ **ALL NATURAL & CHEMICAL FREE**
DYE & FRAGRANCE FREE ❧

Did you know the average woman wears 515 Chemicals on an average day??? Think about it...deodorant, lotion, each form of make-up, hairspray, gel or mousse, and then top it off with a little shot of perfume. **Whew! Bee-Careful Bee~Joyful products are wonderful & achieve the finest results!!**

See our 'Price Lists' links for details or www.facebook.com/BeeJoyfulSoap/

Bennett Family Update 2016-17

What a time it has been since the last update...

August 2016 brought us a new grandbaby #12, Declan Israel, born to Austin & **Bethany (29)** of Traverse City and "Bee-Joyful".

While Noah was deployed in Kuwait as MP, his younger sister, **Hosanna (22)**, stepped from courtship to engagement. **Noah (24)** returned to surprise his family & fiancée in September...just in time to help with Ben & Hosanna's wedding on October 29...no outdoor weddings this time. Then we set our sites on Noah & Abbie's wedding ceremony December 3 down in Ohio, home area of the bride.

Meanwhile up at Adam & **Autumn's (33)** farm in Hillman & between weddings, Bennett (3), one of the twins, came down with chickenpox. Whew! Dried up & over it on time for wedding #2. Both weddings were beautiful, lovely, and enjoyed by all. Our family pictures and just the Bennett Kids pictures are favorites. My goal this season is to have a few pics loaded onto our 'GALLERY' Tab. So please do check in.

Well, after being together with our grandbabies...dancing and having family fun together outside of the usual Christmas time, there was much more familiarity with Papa & Mimi having breakfast at the hotel and pool time & bedtime with aunties and uncles. You should have seen the faces and amazement of the hotel guests quietly sipping early morning coffee count as the Bennett grandbabies began to trickle in for breakfast with Papa & Mimi. Mmmm....We soaked in every moment. ☺

Seven days after the second wedding, **Beau Jon (26)** & Joy had their first baby, Isaiah Jon, born in their home at the main farm on December 10th. All is well and what a sweetness to be able to see them more frequently than we've ever been able to see the others.

Shortly thereafter, Auntie **Celeste (20)** came down with...YEP! "The Chickens", as we call them...lots & lots of them. It was a time for brothers to console, comfort and serve her and they did. However, with no sign of chickenpox they felt they had escaped them and yes, the rest of Autumn's crew got them as well. With Autumn due in January, Celeste was anxious to get well and Tim & I wanted to spend Christmas Day with them and that was the plan until we received her call December 23 that her water broke. Tim couldn't leave the farm responsibilities yet and we had no time to waste getting on the road for the nearly 4 hour trip. So recovering Celeste, **Corbett (18)** and **Destiny (14)** and Mom left lickety-split! Of course, the contractions subsided and there was no longer the urgency once we were up there. Midwife alerted and baby monitored; all was well so we went to work on house projects until finally, Zoë Avalon Joy was born December 27, 2016. ZOË is Greek for life, AVALON means beautiful, and LIFE is indeed BEAUTIFUL when you have the JOY of the LORD! ...making grandbaby number fourteen! Wow! The 2 oldest are only 6 years old. What fun! Stay tuned...

So, with Celeste well and able to remain with Autumn to help her with the boys and Zoe, Corby, Destiny & I returned home to our own farm. Have you guessed yet... YEP! "The Chickens" came to visit Corbett and not until Corbett was over it a couple of weeks later...last but not least...YEP!...Destiny. So Tim & I figure, after doing some research, we won't be having shingles due to all the immunity build up of our systems. What a bunch of busy-ness!

Remember, we never had Christmas, so in February all but **Josiah (31)** & Erynn in Tennessee (due in April/May) converged in Frankenmuth for a lively time together in a couple of stores and then a wonderful family style chicken dinner. About the time all of this was done, it was time for our Beekeeping 101 Workshops and now BEE SEASON is upon us. We have a number of package bee pick up trips planned. This is when we get to stop in to visit Josiah and his family. We're hoping to see grandbaby #15 on one of these trips...remember April/May grandbaby #15.

So here we grow again...No time like the present to give God the Glory for the Marvelous Works of HIS Hands!

"He who glories, let him glory in the LORD." ~ I Corinthians 1:31 ...and we do!

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Bennett Family Spring 2017

EPIC Spring update...

Our Bee Days were absolutely amazing. Beau, Joy & Baby Isaiah along with Celeste & Corbett as added drivers, pulled off the first two southern bee package pickups. Tim & Kathie with Celeste & Corbett as added drivers, pulled off the last two package pickups. Bless the Lord for His traveling mercies without a glitch.

No, we did not get to stop in at Josiah & Erynn's but Mother's Day did bring us a new little grandbaby #15, to add to our growing bouquet. Violet Mae was born to **Josiah** & Erynn of Southern Tennessee, along with siblings Anna Pearl 4 ½ yrs, Ellie Grace 3yrs, and Josiah Timothy 1 ½ yrs.

Of course, Nuclei season came in on the tailwind of package bees and now our Spring Beekeeping Classes are front & center along with seeding and haying season. There is a rhythm to all of this agricultural activity.

Photos are wonderful and we try to keep the perspective that if this were the era of "Westward Ho" and the wagon trains of young families setting off for new territories, realistically, you may never see them again, only hear updates by letter. So you see... things could always be more difficult. We are waiting patiently for a break in farming schedule to take a little trip south.

All are well and happy and **blooming** where they are planted as we hope you are as well.

In honor of our growing flower garden & little Violet...(notice the "violet color" banner above ;)

"Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
Shall **flourish** in the courts of our God.

They shall still bear fruit in old age;

They shall be fresh and **flourishing**,

To declare that the LORD is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him." ~Psalm 92:13-15

Have a full and flourishing summer!

The Bennetts of Turtlebee Farms

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