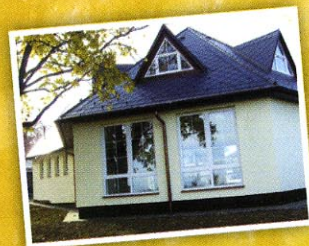


INSTITUTIONS IN FULL OR PARTIAL OWNERSHIP OF CBU

BEEKEEPERS SECONDARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL - BEEKEEPERS EDUCATION CENTRE, o. p. s., Nasavrky

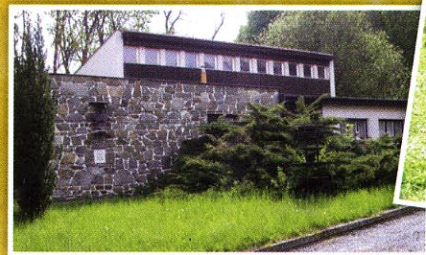
It has been co-founded by the Czech Beekeepers Union and the Ministry of Agriculture. It has created a wide background for educational and informative activities. More than 6,000 visitors from the whole of the Czech Republic attend various seminars and gatherings every year. The main premises consist of the school building, a hotel-type dormitory and a bee technology hall. The premises also include an arboretum that fits in an original way in the Iron Mountains nature. Sessions of the CBU organisational branches as well as regular meetings of young beekeepers take place there. It offers a newly opened distant study of beekeeping.

www.souvnasavrky.cz



BEEKEEPERS CENTRE at Rosice

This centre represents a dominant beekeeping establishment in South Moravia. The centre includes an open-air museum and a library.



BEEKEEPERS STATION at Jablůňany

The station focuses on breeding of bee queens and it has achieved a position of respect by its work in the breeding field.



VČELPO, s. s. r. o. at Obora

The company focuses on processing of bee products, business activities, and the production of cosmetics and food accessories. The company holds six 'KLASA' national quality awards.

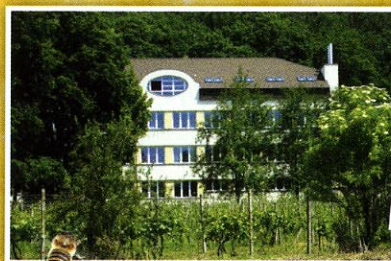
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BEE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, s. r. o. at Dol

- Founded in 1919, since 1922 located at Dol near Libčice.
- The institute deals with projects related to bee breeding for resistance against diseases.
- Keeping and use of the gene pool of the Carnica Bee.
- Development of efficient curing methods.
- A year-long keeping of bumblebees.
- Production of preparations against bee diseases, aerosol generators and mead.
- Inspection of original nature and quality of bee products.
- Grants and other research projects.

www.beedol.cz



BEEKEEPERS STORE AND SNACK BAR ČSV, s. r. o. at Prague



It sells beekeepers articles, bee products and beekeeping literature.

www.vcelarstvi.cz/prodejna/index.html

CZECH BEEKEEPERS UNION



Represents a civic organization that associates physical persons and legal entities, such as beekeepers or those interested in beekeeping, and apiculture professionals.

THE MISSIONS OF THE UNION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Increase professional standards of its members, educate and inspire young people to go in for beekeeping.
- Cooperate with relevant organisations and authorities in utilisation of bee pollination and honey flow sources.
- Support introduction of new and progressive information, scientific and technical findings as well as results of research and development into beekeeping.
- Promote positive relationship and love to the nature and stress the importance of beekeeping in agriculture, forestry, environmental protection, and the entire society.
- Publish or cooperate in publishing of professional magazines, publications, literature, films and also in keeping libraries and chronicles.
- Cooperate with veterinary authorities and the Bee Research Institute in increasing quality of beekeeping, inhibiting and elimination of diseases and infections of bees, pollination and the use of honey flow sources.
- Create conditions for effective promotion of bee products and articles made of bee products.
- Monitoring of beekeeping development worldwide and co-operation with international beekeeping organisations and other bodies and authorities.

(From the Statutes of the Czech Beekeepers Union)

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A SHORT HISTORICAL REVIEW

Bees and bee products have been known in this territory from times immemorial. At the beginning, brown bears were picking honey from wild bees living inside tree trunks. Since the 12th century, bees have become part of domestic economy.

15th - 18th CENTURIES:

- Hives appear in gardens, mostly log hives.
- It is well known that (the Czech educationalist) Jan Amos Komenský (Comenius) depicted a hive in his work 'Orbis pictus' (1658) as an economic facility. Comenius himself was an active beekeeper.

- In 1698, the first skep was imported from Hungary.

- In 1785, there were 39,400 bee colonies counted in Bohemia.

19th CENTURY:

- P. I. Prokopovich constructed the queen excluder.

- Organised beekeeping was established in Moravia and Silesia in 1854.

- The First Beekeepers Guild in Bohemia was established in Chrudim in 1864.

- František Hruška (Franz Hruschka) made the first honey extractor in 1865.

- Provincial central beekeeping clubs were established in Bohemia in 1872 and in Moravia in 1898.

20th CENTURY:

- Building of new types of hives with movable parts.

- The Bee Research Institute was founded in 1919.

- Development of extension beekeeping

PERSONALITIES:

Josef Antonín Janiš	(† 1821)
František Hruška	(† 1888)
Johann Gregor Mendel	(† 1884)
Rudolf Kolovrat-Krakovský	(† 1903)
František Adamec	(† 1946)
Jaroslav Svoboda	(† 1971)

NUMBERS OF BEE COLONIES ON OUR TERRITORY

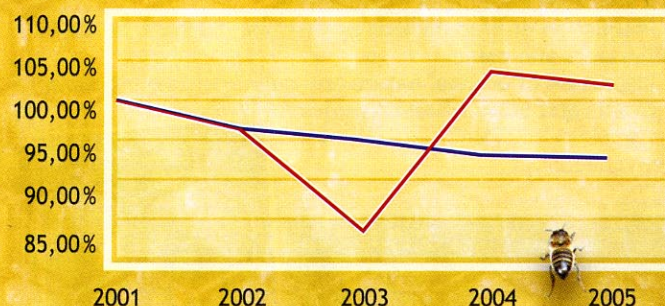
Year	No. of bee colonies
1970	641 595
1980	627 527
1990	807 110
2000	540 023
2004	556 853
2005	551 681

CZECH BEEKEEPERS UNION (CBU) TODAY

- 48 499 members, that is 97.35 per cent. of all beekeepers.
- 1 098 chapters.
- 77 district committees.
- 542 000 bee colonies.
- Members of the CBU according to the numbers of bee colonies

Group	Number of beekeepers	Number of bee colonies
1-5	18 156	64 121
6-10	14 709	114 526
11-15	6 450	83 040
16-30	6 442	139 926
31-100	2 569	110 397
101-150	92	11 383
more than 150	81	18 607
total	48 499	542 000

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NUMBERS OF BEEKEEPERS AND BEE COLONIES IN THE YEARS 2001-2005



■ Beekeepers
■ Bee colonies

In spite of a mild decrease in the number of beekeepers, the Czech Beekeepers Union plays an important role in beekeeper representation. Contacts with the executive branch, the legislative branch, mainly with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic, the State Veterinary Administration of the Czech Republic, the Czech Agricultural and Food Inspection Authority, and other hobby organisations and civic associations in the Czech Republic, the State Agricultural and Intervention Fund, its membership of the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic and the international beekeeping organisations Apislatvia and Apimondia, represent sufficient attributes of the present-day good-quality standings of the Czech Beekeepers Union.

VČELAŘSTVÍ (BEEKEEPING) - A PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINE

It is published on a monthly basis in the circulation of 50,000 copies. The magazine is designed for members of the Czech Beekeepers Union. It covers:

- professional articles and scientific papers;
- information regarding the internal life of the Czech Beekeepers Union;
- instructions and statutes for organisational branches;
- news and photographs;
- invitations to various beekeeping events in the Czech Republic;
- advertisements



WEB PAGES OF THE CZECH BEEKEEPERS UNION

Visit the web pages of the Czech Beekeepers Union at

www.vcelarstvi.cz



CZECH HONEY

The Czech Beekeepers Union has issued the standard PN ČSV no. 1/1999 - Český med (Czech Honey), which is supposed to help maintain top quality of home-made honey. This label may be used only for top quality honey, produced only on the territory of the Czech Republic:



- Water content of up to 18 per cent. for all types of honey;
- hydroxymethylfurfural content of up to 20 mg/kg for all types of honey.