

## Beekeeping Assistive Technology Wednesday, June 23 Noon to 1 p.m.

Assistive technology for lifting, carrying, work positioning and material handling enables beekeepers with medical impairments to manage hives and sell honey. Arthritis, back injury, carpal tunnel syndrome, amputation, paralysis, and other medical conditions don't have to restrict beekeepers from completing necessary tasks. There are many opportunities for sideline apiaries with 20 to 200 beehives to produce honey and provide pollination services to local farms.

In this free workshop sponsored by AKAgrAbility, you will learn about beekeeping as a sideline enterprise, challenges faced by beekeepers with medical impairments and assistive technology that enables beekeepers with medical impairments to do necessary tasks.

## Register at http://bit.ly/AKAG\_BAT2021

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