

**02 NCAC 48A .0244 THE INSPECTION PROCESS**

(a) Apiary inspectors shall inspect colonies of bees by opening the hive and observing the brood (eggs, larvae and developing bees) and adult bees. Diagnosis of the common bee diseases shall be made based on characters listed in Table 1, "Agricultural Extension Beekeeping Note No. 2.01," January 2007, published by North Carolina State University's Cooperative Extension Service, including subsequent amendments and editions. A copy of this document is available for inspection at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Plant Industry Division office located at 216 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. It may also be obtained online at <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/PDF%20files/2.01.pdf>.

(b) If the beekeeper desires a confirmation of a diagnosis given by an inspector, the apiary inspector shall send a sample of the disease to the Apicultural Laboratory, N.C. State University or the United States Department of Agriculture Bioenvironmental Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland, for a laboratory diagnosis.

(c) Destruction of a beehive shall be performed in accordance with Rule .0254.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-638;  
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