

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING EDWARD RZESZUTEK AS ASHTABULA COUNTY APIARY INSPECTOR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, In accordance with Ohio Revised Code §909.08 each person engaged in the rearing of queen bees for gift or sale must have his apiaries inspected annually for the diagnosis of any serious bee disease or indication of the presence of Africanized honey bees; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §909.07 the Board of County Commissioners may appoint a Deputy Apiarist with the consent and concurrence of the Director of Agriculture to serve at the pleasure of the Board to facilitate the inspection of apiaries within the county; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Board to re-appoint Edward Rzeszutek, 6590 Bushnell Road, Conneaut, Ohio, as County Apiary Inspector for the 2026 calendar year at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and \$.60 per mile for mileage, not to exceed \$11,000.00 Appropriation for 2026; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that Edward Rzeszutek be re-appointed as County Apiary Inspector for Ashtabula County for calendar year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to notify the Director of Agriculture of the State of Ohio of the action taken herein and request approval of the Director for said re-appointment.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2026-73

January 22, 2026

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APIARY INSPECTOR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

Casey R. Kozlowski	Aye
Kathryn L. Whittington	Aye
J.P. Ducro IV	Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.

Lisa Hawkins

Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio



2026 - APPOINTMENT FOR COUNTY APIARY INSPECTOR

County	Ashtabula		Appoints:
Name:	Ed Rzeszutek		
Street:	6590 Bushnell Rd		
City:	Conneaut	State:	Oh Zip: 44030
Phone Number:	440 969 4148	Email:	ednlissy@Suite 224.net
<p>The county apiary inspector shall serve for the 2026 apiary season (approximate season from April 1st to October 31st weather permitting)</p> <p><u>PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH COUNTY INSPECTOR AND RETURN BY JANUARY 31st TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE:</u></p>			
The following was approved on <u>1/22/2026</u> (Date)			

**Please
Complete All
Lines →**

11,000 ⁰⁰
\$15 ⁰⁰ /hr
.60
N/A

**Appropriation
Compensation Rate (Hourly, Daily)
Mileage Rate
Meals (if applicable)**

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**Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Clerk**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER CONTACT INFORMATION

County Commissioner Contact Person Name: Lisa Hawkins

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City | State | Zip: Jefferson Oh 44047

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Phone:

Contact Person Email: llhawkins@ashtabula county.us

2025 OHIO APIARY SUMMARY

COUNTY	INSPECTOR	APIARIES		COLONIES		AFB	EFB	CB	NOS	VAR	SHB
		APIARIES	INSPECTED	INSPECTED	INSPECTED						
ADAMS	MANGUS	78	14	61	0	3	0	0	41	6	
ALLEN	NO APPT	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ASHLAND	A. MEHERG	143	38	469	0	7	1	0	299	21	
ASHTABULA	RZESZUETK	117	116	474	0	0	0	0	59	60	
ATHENS	NEWMAN	106	126	598	0	0	0	0	259	58	
AUGLAIZE	LIENDECKER	55	47	315	0	8	1	0	174	6	
BELMONT	DEVAUGHN	54	37	232	0	0	0	0	0	108	
BROWN	PHILLIPS	75	4	43	0	0	0	0	8	4	
BUTLER	NO APPT	209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CARROLL	NO APPT	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CHAMPAIGN	COMBS	104	69	273	0	0	0	0	262	21	
CLARK	TAYLOR	102	23	123	0	0	0	0	24	3	
CLERMONT	SIZEMORE	173	136	514	0	0	0	0	0	6	
CLINTON	HUHMANN	80	58	275	0	0	0	0	261	68	
COLUMBIANA	CONSER	108	3	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	
COSHOCTON	L. MEHERG	86	46	350	0	6	0	0	192	11	
CRAWFORD	HEYDINGER	54	8	23	0	0	0	0	29	4	
CUYAHOGA	BARTOSH	299	128	405	0	0	0	1	92	94	
DARKE	STASTNY	77	16	117	0	0	2	0	39	42	
DEFIANCE	WALTERS	88	2	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DELAWARE	CURTIS	223	82	428	0	0	0	0	180	217	
ERIE	ZIMMERMAN	104	70	230	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FAIRFIELD	RINEHART	222	161	576	0	0	0	0	490	59	
FAYETTE	HUHMANN	67	47	271	0	1	0	0	234	90	
FRANKLIN	BAGLEY	350	287	721	0	0	0	0	144	98	
FULTON	SUBLETT	88	45	160	1	12	0	0	23	33	
GALLIA	BLANK	46	16	117	0	0	0	0	60	15	
GEAUGA	DINISHAK	181	10	134	0	0	0	0	81	0	
GREENE	MILLER	205	4	23	0	0	0	0	2	1	
GUERNSEY	DEVAUGHN	73	61	348	0	0	0	0	0	81	
HAMILTON	NO APPT	204	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HANCOCK	JABLONSKI	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HARDIN	NO APPT	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HARRISON	NO APPT	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HENRY	HORST	73	10	145	0	3	0	0	89	2	
HIGHLAND	HUHMANN	71	24	173	0	0	0	0	121	3	
HOCKING	NO APPT	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HOLMES	L. MEHERG	159	94	821	0	9	0	0	511	9	
HURON	NO APPT	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
JACKSON	RUBY	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
JEFFERSON	NO APPT	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
KNOX	SIMPSON	125	63	140	0	0	0	0	4	12	
LAKE	FLEISCHER	120	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	
LAWRENCE	TURVEY	42	29	114	0	0	0	0	114	97	
LICKING	MOODY	257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LOGAN	DAVIS	114	21	196	0	0	0	0	212	0	
LORAIN	MOYSAN	262	24	144	0	1	2	1	180	63	
LUCAS	M. HORST	173	54	550	0	1	0	0	209	40	
MADISON	NO APPT	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MAHONING	CONSER	138	14	102	0	0	0	0	0	28	
MARION	NO APPT	51	1	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	



January 2, 2026
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Ashtabula County Board
of Commissioners

Dear County Commissioners:

Thank you for your continued support of the Ohio Department of Agriculture's (ODA) Apiary Inspection Program. Your partnership plays a vital role in protecting honey bee health across the state, and we appreciate your commitment to this important work.

We encourage you to appoint or reappoint a County Apiary Inspector for the upcoming season. This role is vital for supporting local beekeepers and ensuring honey bee colonies are monitored for pests and disease, helping prevent the spread of conditions that threaten bee health. Enclosed is a statewide summary of last season's inspections, below is data specific to your county.

Inspector Name	# Apiaries Registered	# Apiaries Inspected	# Colonies Registered	# Colonies Inspected
ED RZESZUETK	117	116	520	474

To support inspectors in their work, ODA provides mandatory training each April. This training covers updates to inspection procedures, changes in policy, and best practices for conducting professional and effective inspections in accordance with ORC Section 909.

Basic Expectations for County Apiary Inspectors:

- **Attendance at mandatory training** provided by ODA in April.
- **Inspection of queen breeders** as required by ORC 909.08, with priority toward those seeking certification for the first time.
- **Timely communication** with both ODA and the County Commissioners' office.
- **Submission of monthly reports**, including inspection summaries and expense documentation.
- **Reporting** serious bee diseases to the State Apiarist for further guidance and action.

To ensure a smooth start to the inspection season, we kindly ask that you return the attached appointment form with the inspector's information by **January 31, 2026**. Should you have any questions about the appointment process or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at **614-728-6373** or via email at apiary@agri.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Apiary Program
Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Health
614-728-6373 - apiary@agri.ohio.gov