

FARM FRIDAY FUN

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AZ QUEEN BEE



Audra Waddle, better known as AZ Queen Bee, is a local Arizona beekeeper. Although her love of bees began as a teenager, her life with bees did not begin until 2017. It was then that she found her true passion and began her work rescuing and caring for bees.

Have you ever been at a park or even at your home and found a hive of bees in a bucket, under a shed, in a tree, or hiding out in some other tricky spot? Most people who find beehives run as fast as they can in the other direction. But not AZ Queen Bee! She goes towards the bees hoping to relocate them to a place that is safe for both the bees and people. Bee removal and restoration is Audra's mission now. AZ Queen Bee has several apiaries, or locations for her hives, in Queen Creek, Gilbert, Mesa, Chandler, Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Phoenix. She works with people to remove unwanted hives in the greater Phoenix area and Tucson.

Wonder if she has ever been stung by a bee? You bet she has! Caring for more than 100 thriving beehives and working most days to relocate bees, she has plenty of opportunity to get stung. Does she let a little bee sting stop her? No way! A little trade secret, if you are ever stung by a bee, put some honey on it. The honey will help take the "sting" away.

AZ Queen Bee knows that bees are sweet. Not only for the amazing work they do as pollinators, but also for the sweet honey they produce. AZ Queen Bee has some of the most amazing honey and it comes in a variety of flavors: desert bloom, cinnamon, and her newest product whipped honey can be found in lemon, strawberry, cinnamon, blueberry, and even chocolate! If you want to give it a try, pick up a jar from your local sprouts or www.queenbee.com.