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**Career Summary:**

Dedicated and flexible professional with strong knowledge about entomology concepts and a good experience of beekeeping operations. Familiar with honeybee life-cycle, nectar producing plants, and market demands for products derived from beehives. Licensed driver with multilingual skills and readyness to work overtime.

**Summary of Skills:**

* Ability to maintain beehive boxes and organize the collected honey for further processing
* Capable of maintaining bee colonies, monitoring health, and replacing diseased bees with healthier ones
* Proficient in following safety guidelines while harvesting and processing honey to create products
* Solid understanding of habits and yearly cycles of bees along with health of queen bees
* Sound knowledge of various beekeeping activities, disease control methods, and nectar producing plants
* Strong love for honeybees and passion for maintaining beehives
* Team player, good communication, and negotiation skills
* Fluent in English, Spanish and French
* Class A Commercial Driver License

**Work Experience:**

Beekeeper

Stanley's Honey Services Pvt. Ltd., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

October 2016 – Present

* Maintaining orderly condition and cleanliness of hives by regularly checking colonies for larvae and pests
* Conducting negotiations with government agencies, vendors, and store owners to provide the best quality products at reasonable prices
* Monitoring health of queen bees to ensure healthy production of eggs and keeping honeycombs free from parasites
* Installing additional boxes to ensure bees get the required space to produce honey and collect nectar
* Transporting products to local areas and ensuring customer satisfaction
* Assisting in packaging and delivering of products in minimum time
* Working on customer feedback and making possible changes in the company's products

Beekeeper

A&M AgriFarms, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

March 2014 – September 2016

* Took strong decisions to destroy superfluous queen bees' cells to prevent swarming in the artificial honeycombs
* Used cyanide gas to destroy diseased bees colonies and cultivated new to produce healthy colonies in the box
* Arranged for timely inspection, assessments and checking of natural beehives or box honeycombs to protect health
* Trained new recruits on methods used to extract honey and ensured the trainees wore protective suit, gloves, and veils to avoid getting stung
* Burned diseased bee colonies and sterilized hives using caustic soda solution
* Provided necessary first aid to employees who have been stung by bees
* Transported honey products to dealers within the area and moved bee cases to new branch location as per the need

Assistant Bee Keeper

A&M AgriFarms, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

July 2012 – February 2014

* Inducted wild swarming bees into hives prepared with manual honeycomb frames
* Placed screen plug at the entrance of beehives to restrict extraordinary movements and set the boxes near flower orchards, clover fields, or other sources of pollen
* Scraped out parasites from beehive boxes to remove insects, fireflies, pests and wax moth larvae, and maintained cleanliness
* Maintained separate containers to collect honey from queen bees and others to sell the royal jelly from queen as an ingredient base for cosmetics or health food
* Harvested honey from honeycombs and sent the raw product for further processing
* Collaborated with honey dealers in the area to decide on sale price during peak season

**Apprenticeship:**

Trainee

Harold's Farms, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

August 2011 – June 2012

* Hired as a livestock keeper and took responsibility for maintaining health of cattle and poultry farm
* Ensured milk and eggs were transported to the vendors daily and kept a record of the daily produce
* Demonstrated ability to remove bee hives from farms and extracted nectar using appropriate equipment
* Studied yearly cycle of queen bees and observed their habits to understand life spans and frequent health diseases
* Coordinated with farmers to develop pollination areas and nectar producing plants in the farms to attract more bees
* Initiated a small honey business in the farm and increased revenue by 25%

**Education:**

* Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science
Idaho State University, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
2011
* Diploma in Entomology
Idaho State University, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
2012

**Reference:**

On request.