

THE SWARM LINE SWEDEN

Connecting the public in Sweden with beekeepers
ready to catch swarms



SVÄRMTELEFONEN
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HOW IT WORKS

Spotted a bee swarm in Sweden?

Call the Swarm Line telephone service
(Svärmttelefonen) and enter the postal
code where the swarm is located to
be connected to a swarm catcher in
your area.



SVÄRMKARTAN



Scan to view
the live Swarm Map

Swarm Map (Svärmskartan)

The Swarm Map displays all incoming calls to the Swarm Line
(Svärmttelefonen) in real time. It also shows swarm catchers
the protection and surveillance zones for American foulbrood,
enabling them to take specific actions within designated zones
to manage the situation efficiently and safely.

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direct links between the public and swarm catchers in sweden

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The Swarm Line is a unique and much appreciated service for both the general public and beekeepers in Sweden. When you spot a beeswarm, dial the Swarm Line number and you will automatically be connected to a swarm collector in the vicinity! The Swarm Line is linked to the online Swarm Map that illustrates the calls made to the Swarm Line across the entire country in real-time. For beekeepers, there is a portal where they can manage the geographical areas they wish to cover and switch themselves to on or off duty. As the map also indicates American foulbrood restriction areas, swarm collectors can easily decide whether bee inspection needs to be involved. The data collected by the Swarm Line and the Swarm Map can be used for monitoring and forecasting the swarm season and tracking changes over time. The Swarm Line and the Swarm Map were developed by the Swedish Beekeepers Association in 2020 and further developed with European funding through the Swedish Board of Agriculture. The number of visitors has increased from year to year, and both beekeepers and the interested public share the fascination of the swarming season, following the dots on the map.