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The Beekeeping Survival Guide celebrates its 15th year in publication by inviting the world to take home a copy of the latest edition. One double-sided page folds into a tiny book that makes the art and science of beekeeping more accessible. A child, a busy farmer, a disabled person, a poor or socially disadvantaged population could use this pamphlet to begin their beekeeping journey with little to no costs and inputs. The goal is to inspire more beekeepers focused on sustainable practices: less use of chemicals in the hive, less purchasing and shipping of ill-adapted honey bee genetics, less movement of novel bee diseases, and evolving away from expensive, complicated equipment. The pamphlet starts by describing basic honey bee biology. A brief review of beekeeping history highlights approachable, inspectable hive designs that anyone can build with free/found materials. There are detailed instructions how to build a Comfort Hive as well as a skep, and how to stock them by staging bait hives and catching swarms. The pamphlet then focuses on simple, small-scale queenrearing methods that induce brood breaks as the primary or sole control of varroa mites. An advanced section explains bee yard planning, how to produce splits and package bees, handle various problems, as well as how to grow a local network that could strengthen the resilience of the bee population, provide pollination, and educate the public. Anarchy Apiaries produces this free "punk zine" as part of a grassroots effort to take back the means of production. Anyone can become a beekeeper and find richness in this world. Sharing, copying and redistributing, uploading/downloading the Survival Guide are highly encouraged. We will have copies on site, so pick up yours today!