



# Honey Bees arrive at the Soquel Seva Ashram!



Preparing to install the first honey bee hive at the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Seva Ashram Orchard in Soquel California – April 2003.



Hasyapriya & Satya Sundar Prabhu getting into their “bee proof” suits!



Cutting open the cardboard box that contains a swarm of about 10,000 honey bees. Within a few months, the population should be over 50,000 bees in each hive!



Until the bees get settled into their new hive, they drink sugar water and Their Lordships’ Charanamrita. They’ll start producing honey almost immediately. By Fall each hive should have between 100 to 150 pounds of extra honey for their service to the Ashram.



Here is a close up view of the worker bees. One of the pieces of honeycomb they made over the last few days while still in the temporary cardboard box. Working from sunrise to sunset, the average life span of the worker bee is only about 30 days!



The new Italian Queen bee is in the little box in front. Soon she will be laying up to 2,000 eggs each day! In the background you can see some of the 10,000 new worker bees, eager to get out and start collecting nectar!



Placing the queen in her new hive. Already the workers are out in the Orchard helping to pollinate the fruit trees. This will dramatically increase the quantity of fruit that each tree can produce.



Bee Buddies !  
(Hasyapriya on the left & Satya Sundar Prabhu on the right.)



**All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga !**

