

Melvin Lewis Honey Farm & Writing Service



Melvin Lewis can be called a jack of all trades - he is a honey farmer and a writer who also enjoys kayaking and gardening. Now his at-home business is also certified in the [Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program](#).

Mr. Lewis does his writing at his home office. Inside, Mr. Lewis has converted the lighting to be energy efficient, has installed a water efficient toilet, and has painted with low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC). His appliances are Energy Star rated, and he uses a lot of recycled content material - such as post-it notes, office paper, and envelopes.

His yard houses both his honey farm and an herb garden. Mr. Lewis grows jalapenos, basil, parsley, Swiss chard, garlic, and onions among many other seasonal and non-seasonal plants. He also has nine rain barrels that collect rain from his gutters and other places. He uses the rainwater for his garden, to wash his car, and to do a variety of other things that do not require potable water.



Also, you will not find pesticides on his land. Rather, he uses natural alternatives, such as planting lemon plants to keep away mosquitoes.



Melvin Lewis is a strong advocate for sustainability and his **Honey Farm and Writing Service** is a great example of an extremely environmentally friendly operation! Since this is his first time being certified as a Sustainable Sandhills Green Business, the certification lasts for one year. Keep up the good work, and thank you for being a community leader by having such a sustainable business.

*Green businesses reduce waste, promote recycling, become energy and water efficient, purchase eco-friendly products, and educate their employees and customers about the multiple benefits of a sustainable community. For more information about how your business can become a **Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business** today, please contact our Green Business Coordinators: In Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, and Scotland Counties - **Kea Meacham** (910.639.3983); In Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett, and Lee Counties - **Celestine Raineri** (910.484.9098).*