

HIVE MANAGEMENT & FEEDING

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Winter/ Early Spring

Chemical Treatment.

Get equipment ready.

Make a list

Assemble

Paint

Setup

Where are we on our list?



Early Spring

Hive Inspection Sheet:

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Hive Inspection Sheet</h3> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">Eclectic Bee Farm www.eclecticbeefarm.com Dan Brooks-334-328-2806 Kathy Coleman: 334-220-4352</p>													
Date: _____ Yard# _____ Hive ID _____ Hive worked by: _____													
<p>EARLY SPRING INSPECTION</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Reversed brood box(es) # _____ Deep _____ Med _____ Shallow _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaned Bottom Board Spring Feeding/Build-up <input type="checkbox"/> Bee-Pro®: _____ Dry _____ Wet _____ Patties _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Syrup: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Pollen Sub: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar Syrup (1/1 ratio): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <hr/> <p>FOOD STORES</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Honey</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Pollen</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>High (Everywhere)</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Low</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <input type="checkbox"/> Near brood <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fed hive <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar Syrup (2/1 ratio): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Syrup: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Bee-Pro®: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <hr/> <p>HONEY FLOW PREPARATION</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Added super(s): _____ Deep _____ Med _____ Shallow _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Split hive (new hive# _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Added excluder <input type="checkbox"/> Requeened <input type="checkbox"/> Added feeder <input type="checkbox"/> Added pollen trap <input type="checkbox"/> Fed Hive <input type="checkbox"/> Add inner cover <input type="checkbox"/> Removed excluder <hr/> <p>HONEY REMOVAL/EXTRACTION</p> _____ # Supers removed _____ pounds of honey extracted _____ pounds comb honey _____ pounds of pollen <hr/> <p>HIVE CONDITION</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Brace comb <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive propolis <input type="checkbox"/> Normal odor <input type="checkbox"/> Foul odor <input type="checkbox"/> Equip. Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Replace Equipment-What: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Type of Foundation: <input type="checkbox"/> Rite-Cell® <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Frames <input type="checkbox"/> Duragilt® <input type="checkbox"/> Wired <input type="checkbox"/> Medium Replace Foundation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Honey	Pollen	High (Everywhere)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Average	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>SAW QUEEN <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Marked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - Color) _____ QUEEN CELLS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Alone frame bottom: # _____ Converted worker cell: # _____ LAYING PATTERN <input type="checkbox"/> Beautiful (Solid & Uniform) <input type="checkbox"/> Mediocre (Little spotty) <input type="checkbox"/> Poor (Spotty) EGGS SEEN <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Comments: _____ POPULATION <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Low <hr/> <p>DISEASE/PESTS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Chalkbrood <input type="checkbox"/> Nosema <input type="checkbox"/> Varroa Mites <input type="checkbox"/> Tracheal Mites <input type="checkbox"/> EFB <input type="checkbox"/> AFB <input type="checkbox"/> Small Hive Beetle <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____ INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Screened bottom board <input type="checkbox"/> Powdered sugar mite drop <input type="checkbox"/> Drone cell foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Small hive beetle trap <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____ MEDICATIONS Added Date <input type="checkbox"/> CheckMite+™ <input type="checkbox"/> Apistan® <input type="checkbox"/> MiteAwayII™ <input type="checkbox"/> Fumagilin-B <input type="checkbox"/> Mite-A-Thol® <input type="checkbox"/> Tylan® <input type="checkbox"/> Terramycin™ <input type="checkbox"/> Terra-Pro <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____ Removed Date <input type="checkbox"/> CheckMite+™ <input type="checkbox"/> Apistan® <input type="checkbox"/> MiteAwayII™ <input type="checkbox"/> Fumagilin-B <input type="checkbox"/> Mite-A-Thol® <input type="checkbox"/> Tylan® <input type="checkbox"/> Terramycin™ <input type="checkbox"/> Terra-Pro <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____ HIVE TEMPERAMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Nervous <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive </p></p>
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Spring

Checking Brood – Pattern

Diseases

Space

Food



Spring



Spring



Queen Cells



Package Bees



Frame Inspection



Frame Inspection



Frame Inspection



Brood or Honey?



Brood



Swarms



Swarms



Spring

Diseases – Nosema

Varroa and Viruses

AFB

EFB



Feeding in Spring

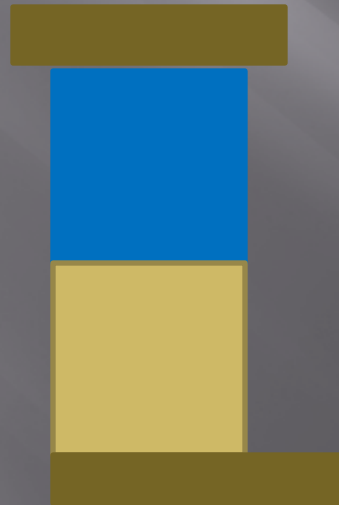
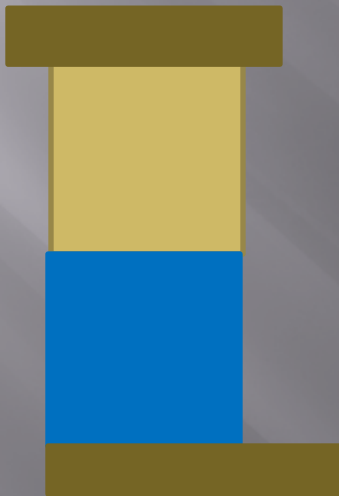


Honey Bound



Spring

Other Spring Chores:
Reversing
Splits



Early Summer



Summer

Open Entrance

Ventilation becomes important

Room in the hive



Is My Honey Ready?

Nectar



Honey



Is My Honey Ready?



Early Fall

Last Honey Taken
Off the Hive.



Time for winter prep

- ▣ This starts as early as August.
- ▣ Feed
- ▣ Treat
- ▣ Condensing each hive
- ▣ Combining weak hives

Fall/ Winter

- ▣ Start closing entrances to a small opening.
- ▣ Put on Mouse guards.
- ▣ Clean up Bottom Boards for the last time until Spring.
- ▣ Feed, Feed, Feed
- ▣ Queen will reduce her laying pattern.

Fall Laying Pattern



Fall Laying Pattern



Feeding

- ▣ Sugar Syrup
 - 1:1 Spring Build up
 - 2:1 Fall/ Winter
- ▣ Dry Sugar
- ▣ Pollen Paddies
- ▣ Essential Oils
- ▣ Do not Feed while your honey supers are on the hive.

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