Installation and Care of Your NUC

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Prior to NUC Pickup

- Have your Location Prepped and ready—
- Setup the Hive Stand
- Setup Your Bottom Board
- Box-4 or 5 frames ready

 (4 if you are using 8 frame boxes. 5 if you are using 10 frame boxes.

NUC Pickup

- Plan to pick up your bees and take them back to their new home.
- It is easy for bees to overheat. Do not leave them in the car.
- The bees will be sealed in their cardboard nuc box.



Opening the Cardboard NUC

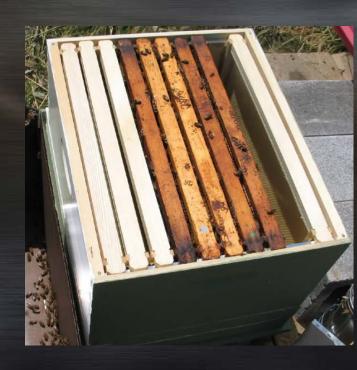
- 1. Light your Smoker
- 2. Put your Protective Gear On.
- 3. Set the Cardboard NUC next to their new home.
- 4. Gently puff 2 or 3 times into the vents on the cardboard Nuc with the Smoker.

- 5. Open the Plug on the Box.
- 6. Open the top of the Box.
- 7. Use sugar water spray to spray the bees down before moving the frames.



Installing the NUC into its new home

- Place two or three (2 for eight frame boxes) frames with flat wax on one side of the box in their new home.
- Add the frames of the actual NUC in order for the next 5 frames
- Finish filling the box with frames with its flat wax until the box is full.



Now What?

- Feed your bees until the brood boxes are 70 per cent full.
- Check on your nuc about 10 days after the installation.
- When they have filled 70 per cent of their frames with drawn comb, put another box on it.
- Continue feeding your bees.
- Check on your nuc every 10 days to make sure they have room.

- Your Goal is to get the bees ready for winter. That means that you want 2 deeps full for the brood or 3 mediums full.
- Remember that it is inexpensive in the long run to feed your bees rather than to lose your bees to starvation.
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