



Beehive Inspection Record

The most basic hive inspection should include the following:

- Estimate the adult bee population (estimate the number of frames of bees in a hive). The bee population should be acting healthy- looking active and not sluggish
Bee Population ____
- Estimate the juvenile bee population (estimate the number of frames of brood in a hive). There should be brood in different stages and the brood pattern should be solid – cells of brood should be capped and filled in one spot – not spotty looking (spotty brood pattern can indicate an old queen or a queen who is not properly mated)
Juvenile Bee Population ____
- Clear off the bottom board of debris with a hive tool – make sure any damp dirty debris is removed
- Check for honey & pollen stores
- Check for evidence of bee diseases/viruses

At this time of year there can be specific things you will want to watch out for:

- Dead outs – this is the worst but it happens
- Weak Hives/Low Population
- No queens – if you do not see a brood patten you will want to look for the queen and see if it is laying
- Moisture – if the hive is wet inside try to find the source of the moisture. Clean it up and check for airflow.
- Stores – you want to see if you think there is enough honey and pollen to keep them going until plants start producing nectar. If not, you need to supplement feed with dry sugar and maybe a pollen patty.

This is also a good time to check your equipment:

- Smoker
- Bee boxes
- Hive tool
- Veil

If you need to replace them or acquire more, now is the time to get organized.

Good Luck!

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