IEBA Program

Feeding, Stimulation Hives, Splits, Nucs, and emergency Requeening

Last Month

- Covered emergency Feeding
  - Winter patty
  - Modified Candy Board using excluders
  - Honey frame from honey bank
  - Jar feeder on top of frames

Feeding

- Entrance Feeder
- Inline or Frame Feeder
- Winter Patties
- Jar feeder on top of frames

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Stimulating Hives

- Two things stimulate hives to build up
  - Input of Pollen
  - Input of Nector
- In March we get limited amounts of natural pollen so we us a pollen substitute such as mega bee patties-exception this year
- We get no nector flow so we need to use sugar water to stimulate the bees

Left patty is a winter patty and the right one is a pollen patty
If temps are good we can fill the feeder with syrup not use winter patty

Feeder with mega bee dry feed

Providing an external source of pollen doesn’t hurt, use to supplement
Natural pollen from early flowers such as buttercups

Splits and Nucs

- When to split or make a nuc
  - Split is taking your hive of two brood boxes equalizing the brood, bees and food between both brood boxes, taking one brood box away adding a queen or cell.
  - Nuc is taking 5 frames of bees, brood and food and putting in a nuc box and introducing a new queen or cell or let them raise one.

This is the top brood box
Bees on all frames

This is the Bottom Brood Box
Again bees on all frames this hive
Is ready to split

Good brood frame with pollen, bees
And food

Another brood frame with capped
Brood, eggs and pollen

Honey Frame

Nice pollen frame with brood and bees

Get a new queen for your nuc
Or you can let the bees raise a
Queen from a cell if you are
Raising a queen it will be 16 days
For the queen to hatch and
10 days to start laying

Nuc will have 3-4 frames of
brood, pollen and bees
The fifth frame needs to be
honey or a feeder-Honey is best

Emergency Requeening

- If you have a queenless hive you can introduce a frame of eggs 1-3 days old into the hive and they will raise several new queen cells…depending on the time of year and drone situation you can raise your own queen.
- If no drones you need to purchase a queen or combine with another hive.