

Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.

ECBS
PO Box 688
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9
7:00 – 9:00 pm
Garibaldi Hall, Essex County
Environmental Center, 621B Eagle
Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ

Topic: Making Splits for Swarm
Control and Colony Increase.

Pizza will be provided by ECBS!



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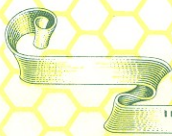
Greetings to all:

Climate change and weather are two separate things, not to be confused with each other. The current weather we are experiencing is unusual for New Jersey, as our winter temperatures generally fluctuate up and down, and rarely is there a week where temperatures don't go above freezing. With that said, this long cold spell is one in which the large cluster of bees has the advantage, as it is better able to move itself onto the needed honey.

With the current state of affairs regarding the Rule Proposals for beekeeping, I would like to suggest two things of importance. The first is to submit an entry or two to the NJBA Annual Honey Show, as this is where the State Legislators get to see our display and our commitment to our craft. These are the people who will be or allies with regard to making the rules favorable to beekeepers, as they can put pressure on the NJ Department of Agriculture to treat us fairly.

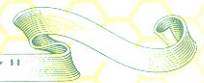
The second thing to do is to write an E-mail or a letter to Joseph Zoltowsky, Director, Division of Plant Industry, NJ Dept. of Agriculture. To the best of my knowledge, NJBA and the NJ State Bee Inspector were excluded from the process, or anything submitted to the Dept. of Ag. by them was ignored. The Director of the Dept. of Ag. is required to address all comments or arguments, so the more the better. Please see the two attachments, which tell you how to make your comments, and the Beekeeping Guidelines. Personally, I disagree with some of the guidelines, as they are relevant to residential beekeeping and not to keeping bees outside of residential areas, such as #5 Fence and #6a Queens bred for Non-Swarming and #6b Water. Also, any of us who sell or barter even a single jar of honey or piece of wax are to be considered a "non-qualified commercial beekeeper" who is not eligible for Right to Farm protection under the law." This is truly strange, as these rules were supposed to be coming from the amended Right to Farm Law! You all should have received a copy of the Rule Proposals, so please read them carefully and do write a letter. If you did not save the copy sent to you by NJBA, please ask me and I will send one to you. Also, do contact you town's Environmental Commission, if one exists, or the town council, as they will be pushed into enforcing the proposed rules, which is outside of their area of expertise and the responsibility of the State Bee Inspector.

Joe Treimel, President



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Basic Beekeeping: Basic Beekeeping: Three Day Short Course - Saturdays, February 17 & 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Snow date: March 3, 2018. Garibaldi Hall, Essex County Environmental Center, 621B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068. Field Day in April, 2018 TBA at various area apiaries. Presented by the [Essex County Beekeepers Society](#), a branch of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, with head instructor/coordinator Master Beekeeper Landi Simone. This class covers everything you need to know from purchasing equipment to harvesting honey. Basics of disease and mite management will be covered. Scholarships for this course are available for full-time students ages 12-22. Fee: \$155 per person includes NJBA membership in a chapter of your choice, class materials, continental breakfast, and afternoon snack. For more information contact registrar Pat Gamsby at BJORNLASS@AOL.COM or 973-396-8996. E-mail is the best means of reaching Pat.

NJBA Calendars will be available at the January meeting for \$10 each.

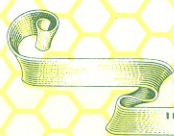
Nucleus Hive Ordering

ECBS will be ordering Nucleus Hives from Stiles Apiaries, to be delivered mid-April, 2018.

Each Nucleus Hive will come in a wooden nucleus hive box, not a cardboard box as was used in 2017. Each Nuc will consist of five deep frames of drawn comb, at least of which two frames will be brood and at least two frames of honey and pollen. The Nucleus Hive will have five frames of overwintered bees (North Carolina) and a new, mated queen. Queens will be unmarked. For those of you who run medium box hives, you will need to get a deep box and five extra deep frames/foundation and put this on the bottom of your hive. Cost will be \$165 for each nucleus hive, with a \$60, non-refundable deposit required. Order forms will be sent shortly by E-Mail, along with a disclaimer statement. Joe Treimel will again be handling orders. Remember, once Grant Stiles has orders for the total number of Nucleus Hives which he plans to sell, no further orders will be taken. Delivery will be the approximately the third week in April (which is good for the NJ beekeeper) and final payment in cash or check will be expected at the time of pick-up. Nucleus hive delivery will take place at Garibaldi Hall.

As a further note, the wooden nucleus hive box in which the bees arrive may be used by the beekeeper for making splits, hiving swarms, etc.

Please pay your ECBS/NJBA Annual Dues for 2018, if you have not done so. For convenience and expediency, I would like to suggest that this be done via the link to Wild Apricot from the NJBeekeepers.org web page, Toolbar: About NJBA, Dropdown Menu: Membership.



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