

Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



ECBS
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Next Meeting: Saturday, July 15
10:00 AM, weather permitting

Location: 3-J's Apiary, 9 Midvale
Avenue, Towaco, NJ

Topic: Varroa Mite Wash
Demonstration and Treatments
discussion

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Greetings to all:

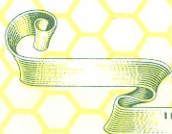
Have you heard of Mile-A-Minute Weed? It is one more invasive plant which has come to the U.S.A. courtesy of eastern Asia. I would suppose that it is to the North, what Kudzu is to the South. I discovered it in my apiary one week ago, when I dropped by to check on things, and I found it had overgrown two of the four hives there in the week since my last visit, and was well on its way to growing over everything else there. I went home and got the weed-whacker and returned to clean up the mess. The bees get cranky when their hives become overgrown with weeds, so I needed to put on the Jacket & Veil to do the job. It can grow six inches per day, so should you see any signs of it in your apiary, don't dismiss it.

Clover. As summer is upon us and I am seeing more and more Dutch Clover blooming in the lawns and parks in my area, I am surprised to see no remarkable honeybee activity on it. I cannot account for this, for in the past bees would make a feast on it. The weather should not be a factor, as we have had plenty of rain and sun and warmth. Go figure.

Nectar flow seemed to do very well during the Black Locust bloom five or six weeks ago. Following that, the Linden / Basswood finished last week and in those areas where it is located, I did see the bees working it. We are now entering that time of the summer where nectar producing plants are not so plentiful, until Japanese Knotweed blooms in late August. Let's hope that the summer rains continue, that the Knotweed and Goldenrod will be good nectar producers in the autumn.

We will be hosting an Alcohol Wash workshop at Landi Simone's "3-J's" apiary on Saturday, July 15. That is just one week from now. This is the same location of this year's Beginner Field Day, for those of you who attended.

ECBS is also planning to have a Varroa Mite and Honeybee Pest workshop with NJ State Apiarist Tim Schuler on Saturday, August 19th. Information will follow once we have a location and time.



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Mile-A-Minute Weed



July Beekeeping

It's time to harvest the honey from your hives. For those in need of an extractor, ECBS has a Club Extractor available to members. If you would like to borrow it, contact Ron Jacobs at rja8662745@yahoo.com. One must pick it up from Ron and return it to him within the guidelines in the Borrower's Contract.

Once the honey is off your hives, it is strongly suggested that an Alcohol Wash be done to determine Mite Load. Mite treatments should go on next, and once they are done, another Alcohol Wash should be done to determine efficacy of the treatment.

The Annual EAS conference is only a few weeks away, and just a few hours away by car. To register, go to EasternApiculture.org.

As you recall, in the June Newsletter I mentioned how EPA Director Scott Pruitt had rescinded the ban on the organophosphate pesticide Chlorpyrifos, which had been imposed by the Obama Administration. The news recently reported that Mr. Pruitt had a private meeting with Andrew Liveris, the CEO of DOW Chemical just three weeks prior to his lifting the ban on this pesticide which is harmful to the human fetus and children, in spite of members of the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting with Mr. Pruitt and expressively telling him that scientific evidence proves this harm. I can only suggest that since the Trump Administration is working to overturn health safeguards, which are meant to protect you and me and our children and grandchildren, that we carefully wash any fruits and vegetables which we purchase, and that we also strongly consider purchasing only Organic certified fruits and vegetables.

I hope to see you soon. Send me an E-mail should you have any questions or problems, and send me your show-off photos, as I might be able to use them in the newsletter.

Joe Treimel, President

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