Bees on the March

3.2.15 Southern Oregon Beekeepers
Watch those stores!

- The brood nest is in a state of rapid expansion
- Brood is incubated at 96 degrees F and bees “burn” honey to heat the brood area.
- Temperature during incubation affects disease susceptibility, learning, and memory.

If your goal is honey production or an increase, now is a great time for stimulative feeding of both protein and carbs.
More March essentials

- Reversing?
  - When, why, how
- Sample for Mites!!
  - If your hive is at or near the treatment threshold now it will be in serious trouble by August. (9-12 mites/300 bees)
- Assess brood pattern
  - A healthy productive hive requires a vigorous queen at the helm.
  - Older queens can sometimes slow down during critical build up period.
  - Order replacement queens and nucs early... many suppliers will sell out.
So so brood pattern
Better patterns
Drone Layer
Laying Worker
Many ways to feed Carb