

Bees on the March

3.2.15 Southern Oregon Beekeepers

March Beekeeping Essentials

- 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 Carbs

