Ouch!
Figure 1: Summary of the total colony losses overwinter (October 1 – April 1) and over the year (April 1 – April 1) of managed honey bee colonies in the United States. The acceptable range is the average percentage of acceptable colony losses declared by the survey participants in each of the nine years of the survey. Winter and Annual losses are calculated based on different respondent pools.

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Mistake #1

Feeding “Wrong”
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Feeding “Wrong”
Mistake #2

Wishy-Washy Mite Management

Beekeeping lesson #275
Mistake #2

Wishy-Washy Mite Management

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Beekeeping lesson #308
Mistake #2

Wishy-Washy Mite Management

Beekeeping lesson #391
Mistake #2

Wishy-Washy Mite Management
Mistake #3

Not Understanding Swarms

40% plus old queen and food

Swarm leaves

60%

Brood still emerging to replace aging workers.*
3 wks

New queen begins laying. Last of old brood emerges.

60%

No brood emerging. Workforce aging.*
3 wks

New brood emerging. Adult population 3 wks and older.

30%

* Assuming a six week average worker lifespan.
Mistake #3

Not Understanding Swarms

Beekeeping lesson #477
Mistake #3

Not Understanding Swarms
Mistake #4

Being Unaware of Queen Status
Mistake #4

Being Unaware of Queen Status

Beekeeping lesson #645
Mistake #5

Not Using Resources

www.orsba.org
www.beeinformed.org
Oregon State University
The Beekeeper’s Handbook
www.treehivebees.org

www.beesource.com
www.scientificbeekeeping.com
www.honeybeesuite.com
www.api-curious.com
UC Davis Bee News
Other Mistakes

Timing, Timing, Timing

- Spring
- August 1st

Beekeeping lessons 1 through 1,502
Questions?