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<b>June 14th, 2008</b>	<b>Field Day</b> Raising Queens in Iowa / Place to be announced.
<b>June 14th, 2008</b>	<b>IHPA Board Meeting</b> Following the Field Day
<b>Aug. 7-17th, 2008</b>	<b>Iowa State Fair IHPA Sales Booth/Fair Entries/Good Times</b>
<b>Oct. 5th, 2008</b>	<b>IHPA Board Meeting</b> Back Alley Deli/Des Moines/2:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 6th, 2008</b>	<b>IHPA Board Meeting</b> Best Western Regency Inn/Marshalltown/7:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 7th-8th, 2008</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b> Best Western Regency Inn/ Marshalltown

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## Greetings from the President of the IHPA

Dear Honey Producers,

Are we finally able to say we are having a nice spring? I was so tired of winter a few weeks ago that I was wondering what kind of spring we would eventually have. I hope everyone has gotten most of their packages installed and splits made with those new queens. I have received more calls than usual about the availability of packages and queens. I guess it goes hand in hand with all the calls I have received about winter loss and what to do. I sure hope that we beekeepers get beekeeping figured out and can proceed forward again. We have lots to do and precise records are going to help. We need to follow the suggestions of the researchers that have been printed in the beekeeping magazines and go on-line to check out some of the leading websites (such as Penn State, Cornell, etc.) to get the whole picture in the United States. Beekeeping has become more exacting and remember, the honey bees don't read the same books and magazines that we do. They don't always act like the book says they will. Mike tells me it is because they are "women". They have a mind of their own! Check your hives often and make sure that there is enough food for them.

Please register your hives. I overheard some comments at one of the local beekeeping club meetings that "it doesn't do any good to register". Well, I have some questions for you skeptics. How do the applicators know that you have honey bees in the area? How do they know who owns the bees? Who do they need to call? If you don't register, how do they know who to call? They can't drive every inch of the territory that they are going to spray. It is so much more simple if the beekeepers in the state of Iowa would register their hives' locations, then when the applicator needs to work in your area, a simple phone call can be made. I still don't understand the need for secrecy when it comes to locations of your hives. Complain all you want, it is YOUR fault if you don't register your hives and they get sprayed. Call Andy (515) 725-1481 for information on registering your hives if you don't have your identification numbers to do so on the IDALS website. Do so as soon as possible so that applicators can access the information when they need it.

Make plans to attend the IHPA field day June 14th near Perry. Raising our own

queens seems to be the best way to ensure quality in our hives. Check out the article about the Field Day and plan to attend.

Iowa Honey Queen, Diane Jurchen is anxious to represent Iowa beekeepers. Call to set up a time for her to help you with your promotions. Diane has a new nephew, Jacob, to spoil. Congratulations also to Mom and Dad, Teresa and Luke. I know Jacob is in Kansas, but I am sure he will get spoiled anyway.

I am so excited about having a state apiarist again. I met with Andy last month and he has a lot of work ahead of him, but he is very capable and anxious to get started with the tasks at hand. I recall many people telling me it would never happen, having another state apiarist. I am glad that we didn't listen and that we all worked very hard to get the position re-instated. It is to our advantage as beekeepers to have the best program that we can possibly have. Andy has access to the state entomology lab so lab results can be accomplished in a timely manner. Andy wants to get Iowa statistics available again. I know everyone joins me in welcoming Andy and his wife, Cathy to Iowa.

If you are without beekeeping insurance for your operation, please look for the article concerning the new program that State Farm has for beekeepers. Doug Markworth contacted me with the information. I know that several beekeepers have asked for this kind of coverage. We are even going to change our policy. A specific policy for beekeepers is a real plus when it comes to liability insurance.

Major funding for beekeeping research is on the chopping block. Please contact your US Senators and Congressmen concerning the disastrous effects of losing research money and facilities at this time. If you need a sample letter or information on how to contact them, let me know. Please do it as soon as you can. We need all of the researchers working on beekeeping problems. We need to keep the public up-to-date on the huge problem of not having enough food on their tables if we keep having disastrous years with honey bees and not having enough pollination work being performed to continue the food chain.

On a family note, Mike and I get to travel to Germany on April 22nd to see oldest

son, Shawn and his family. We are excited and anxious to see them. It has been a year since we saw them last. I have been searching through guide books and familiarizing myself with maps. It has been five years since we were in Germany last. We were visiting our youngest son, Mitch. We know that our grandsons have really grown in the past year.

Enjoy the spring weather, but don't work too hard trying to get everything done all at once. Take time to smell the spring flowers and to enjoy the honey bees buzzing.

Sincerely,

Donna Brahms, IHPA President

### Beekeeping Insurance

I received a phone call from Doug Markworth, a Sioux City area beekeeper and insurance agent. He informed me that State Farm is now providing an insurance policy for beekeepers. It is quite affordable at around \$190.00 for one million dollars liability coverage. The policy also has provisions for equipment and other items. Please contact Doug at (712) 898-6191 for more information concerning State Farm's new beekeeping policy. Doug can answer your questions and help you with any information that you may need. Beekeeping insurance has been requested by IHPA members for quite a few years and now we have the opportunity to take advantage of it. Make sure your operation is covered.

### Drawing Winner

Dave Mechaelsen of Kamrar was the winner of the drawing from the Annual Meeting participants that filled out an evaluation of the meeting. Dave will receive free registration for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the IHPA to be held in Marshalltown on November 6th and 7th. Dave is the father of Josh Mechaelsen who was in the first youth scholarship group of young people sponsored by the IHPA in 2007. Pat Ennis was Josh's mentor. Congratulations Dave!

Donna Brahms

## State Apiarist Andrew Joseph



Hello to all of you. I appreciate this first opportunity to write for The Buzz.

I have just started here as the Iowa State Apiarist. Maury Wills has been holding the apiarist's duties in addition to his other full-time responsibilities for several years now -- ever since the SA position was eliminated in 2001. As of the 22nd of last month, the State Apiarist position has been reinstated and I have been fortunate to have been given this opportunity to serve the beekeepers and beekeeping industry in this state. I never could have guessed when first starting out with an interest in bees and a couple hives of bees that my life, career, and family would become so entwined with these insects and the people who keep them.

My wife, Catherine, and I have moved here from Kentucky where she managed a bookstore and I worked towards an MS in Entomology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. There, I was an active member of beekeeping organizations on local, state, and multistate levels. My research at UK focused on bees as pollinators in monoculture -- looking at the role of nectar foraging in relation to overall foraging activity and, ultimately, plant pollination. In addition to the research, I have taken care of Kentucky State University and University of Kentucky's bees and managed the annual honey sales.

We're all still hammering out the details of how my time here will be divided but splitting it into thirds might be ideal. One third in regulatory work, apiary registration and inspection in coordination with the three Inspectors, diagnostic testing for disease and mite treatment resistances, etc.; One third in beekeeper-course, meeting, and board participation in addition to in-office work such as composing an Iowa Apiary Inspector Manual, up-to-date fact-sheets, future articles for The Buzz and other publications; and, finally, one third in public (non-beekeeper) outreach on bees, beekeeping, and pollination / agricultural ecology. And, overall, service as something of a central figure / contact point for beekeepers across the state.

It is a real honor and pleasure to be here. Thank you again.

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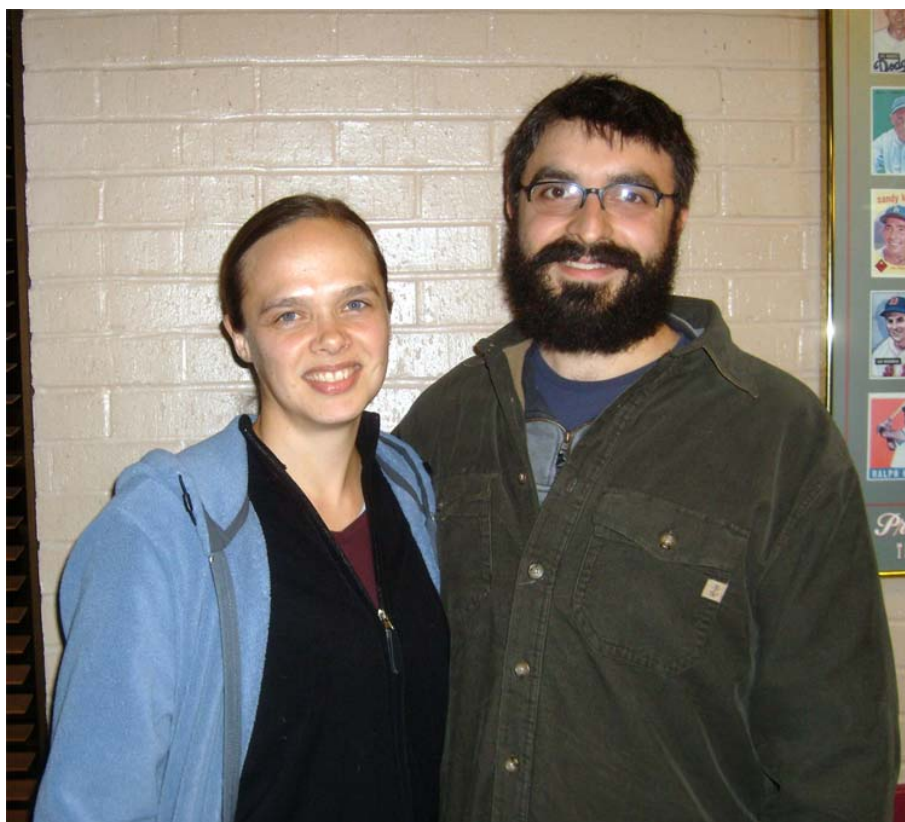
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Andrew Joseph and his wife Catherine arrived in Iowa to assume the duties of Iowa State Apiarist on February 22nd. Andy's office is located at the Ankeny DMACC College Campus in the Entomology Department as part of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Andy has access to the lab facilities located on the DMACC campus which is a very welcome addition to the Apiary Bureau. The photo of Andy and Cathy was taken at the Central Iowa Beekeepers meeting held on March 15th in Des Moines. Andy has been making trips to the various local beekeeping clubs in Iowa to get acquainted with Iowa beekeepers. Please contact Andy if you need assistance or have questions.



State Apiarist Andrew Joseph and his wife Catherine.

## Apiary Registration 2008

State Apiarist Andrew Joseph

It is time to register your apiary sites for 2007. You may again register on-line using your pin number and password from last year. Before registering you must contact the office via email [andrew.joseph@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:andrew.joseph@iowaagriculture.gov) or by phone (515) 725-1481 to let us know how many apiary sites you will have in which counties. If you don't remember your pin number and password please contact us. If you do not have a computer or are having difficulty registering on-line you may register by calling the office. If you register in this manner you must have the following apiary information available when you call:

1. Township Name
2. Landowner Name
3. Township Number
4. Range
5. Section
6. Quarter Section
7. Number of colonies at each site



### Congratulations!

Teresa and Luke Brandenburg of Russell, KS are the proud parents of Jacob Daniel Brandenburg, born at 10:22 the morning of February 27, 2008, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, Kansas. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Teresa was the 2005 Iowa Honey Queen, the 2006 American Honey Princess and the developer and coordinator of the Youth Scholarship program for the IHPA. If anyone would like to send congratulations to Teresa, Luke and Jacob here is their address: 18641 I70 Road, Russell, KS 67665.

### THE BEEYARD REPORT

If we are lucky, the winter of snow removal is over. The water hydrant next to the horse pen is visible again. Snow is still drifted up around the loading dock but it's starting to sink. Gary Roroda, my neighbor to the west goes up and down the road with his tractor and blade at least once a day so our gravel road is in better shape than a lot of them. The geese have been foraging in the fields. I was surprised to see snow geese mixed in with the Canadians. One day, when I was watching the geese, I discovered a bald eagle sitting in a tree in the back yard. Adam found a dead eagle lying in the ditch west of

our house. We don't know what happened to it.

We finally started to get into the bee yards at the end of February. Going down the mud roads in 4 wheel drive and low gear ate up a lot of fuel. Adam took syrup into the yards with a sled he pulled by hand. If we get another year like this one, we may have to invest in a snowmobile. Most of the yards had snow up even with the lids. The big colonies were spread out even though temps were in the low 30's.

The death loss for our doubles isn't too bad. They are 25% dead. Two of the yards that looked the best in the fall are mostly dead. Others, that looked less good, survived with almost no loss. The thing that really bites is that I still can't keep singles alive. We had somewhere between 50 and 60 that we took into winter. I think we have three that have a chance to live. There was plenty of food left in the boxes. It never got warm enough for the bees to move over to it.

Adam had the opportunity to visit the emergency room at the Chariton hospital. He was feeding bees when one decided to go inside his ear. It was extremely painful. The emergency room

people were a little nervous when they found out the bee was still alive but they got it extracted okay. Manley Bigalk told a similar story several years ago. If I remember the story correctly, he saved the bee in a vial of alcohol for a souvenir. I think it was costly souvenir, too.

I tried knocking heads with a horse. It didn't seem to hurt the horse at all. I thought it had damaged my eye. After I got the blood cleaned out, I found it was okay. I looked at the cut near my eyebrow and thought maybe I should get some stitches. My next thought was that stitches would probably cost me a couple hundred dollars. I cut a little butterfly out of a band aid and pulled it together with that. It healed up nicely. The huge black eye that resulted lasted a long time

One of the big stories out of California is that Adee's lost a lot of colonies just prior to moving into the almonds. Some stories say half, or about 40,000 colonies. Whatever the number was, it was a lot.

Getting the beekeeping class completed in Marshalltown proved to be a challenge. We held it on Tuesday night. There was a weather event every week until the last week. We canceled two classes and should have cancelled another when the wind chill was 30 below. Attendance was pretty slim that night. Every week I thought, "It will be better next week."

Package bee sales have been brisk. I have over 90 people on my list. I hope we get everything we ordered. It's a major pain when we have to adjust on the fly.

Let's all sing a spring song!!!!

Submitted by Phil Ebert



# SUMMER FIELD DAY

## JUNE 14, 2008



- Do you want to learn how to raise your own queens?
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We will have class room instruction, and afterwards breaking down in small groups for hands on grafting. We will be making starter colonies for queen cells, making nucs for queen production, and practicing marking bees (drones, because they don't sting, and I don't care if a few get squished!!)

We will be showing different methods of queen rearing, from just a few, to several hundred queens.

The items you will be taking home with you are:

- The knowledge of producing your own queens.
- The book "Successful Queen Rearing" from the University of Minnesota. This is the same book Dr. Marla Spivak uses in teaching her short course, "Successful Queen Rearing".
- Two queen cells that you can use to make your own queens.

### Registration information:

Registration cost for the field day will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Pre-registration to: Melanie Bower, IHPA Treasurer,  
207 S. E. Diehl, Des Moines, Ia 503153  
(515) 287-6542.

You can also register at the field day!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!  
BEE HAPPY, PAT**

## Featured Beekeeper of the Month

This month our featured beekeeper is Vivian Bernau. She is the daughter of James and Mary Bernau and they live on an acreage in the middle of Altoona. Their address is 2001 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Altoona, Iowa 50009. Vivian is another participant in the Youth Beekeeping Partnership Program sponsored by the Iowa Honey Producers Association. Her mother is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and her father is a market reporter for the USDA. Vivian is a senior this year and has a brother in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She attends Southeast Polk High School in Pleasant Hill, Iowa. There she participates in band, National Honor Society, French Club and Interact Club. She is also on the school's Math and Quiz Bowl teams. Music is her hobby and she plays the cello and clarinet. Vivian is also the treasurer of the SEP FFA chapter where she is a member of the meat judging team. They placed second at the state contest. After she graduates this spring, Vivian plans to go to Grinnell College or St. John's College in Annapolis to study chemistry.

Gordon Powell is Vivian's mentor. She took the beekeeping classes in Winterset with Pat Randall. The Bernau family was a large garden. They grow chemical free fruits and vegetables that are sold to the community. This is why Vivian got interested in beekeeping. She says she loves comb honey. She learned about the youth beekeeping program at the state fair. She also worked at the Iowa Honey Producers booth this past year. Vivian tells me every time she goes to check her bees she is followed by her kittens. They try to play with the bees and end up getting stung. Next spring she plans to add another hive and keep her bee project going, with her dad's help, while she is away at college.

Thanks for your story Vivian.  
Submitted by Ron Wehr

## President Plans to Close Weslaco Research Station

The Weslaco Bee Lab has been marked for closure in President Bush's 2009 budget. In fact, the entire Kika de la Garza Subtropical Agricultural Research Center is slated to be closed, one of 11 USDA-ARS sites listed.

Reportedly, ARS plans to transfer the Weslaco bee research programs and personnel to Beltsville and Weslaco.

The budget proposes more than \$84 million in cuts to the ARS.

Sandy Hayes, a spokeswoman for the research service, stressed to a local newspaper that the Weslaco facility is only being considered for closure and that no decisions will be final until Congress approves the budget later this

year.

"I don't think anyone needs to break out in a sweat yet," Hayes said.

The center's origins date to 1931, when the USDA first placed a scientist in Weslaco to research vegetable and citrus processing. Researchers at the center now study honey bee colonies, organic farming and pest threats, among other subjects.

The ARS's budget for the current fiscal year ending Sept. 30 is \$1.12 trillion. The proposed budget for next year is \$1.4 trillion.

In a statement, Democratic Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, who represents the area, criticized the proposed cuts to the research service's budget.

"Like most of the President's budget, this proposal is a misguided attempt at short-term fiscal responsibility that will harm the residents and economy of South Texas," Rep. Hinojosa said. "I will do everything in my power to ensure that this valuable research center remains fully-funded and continues to contribute to our area for years to come."

(Adapted from the McAllen (Texas) Monitor, [www.themonitor.com](http://www.themonitor.com), Feb. 5, 2008) This article was printed in THE SPEEDY BEE, January 2008

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## Bee Demonstration:

I just today, March 10<sup>th</sup> watched a TV show developed at the Rossman Apiaries in Georgia by the entomology department.

Those of us who have been there and done that have the option to observe and be critical; First the short sleeves and white shirts are fine but often the dark pants cause the bees to not like what is going on. SO, dark colored clothing is out.

Second, a colony was found to have become queenless and had a remainder of a short amount of bees left. That colony was given a comb of young larvae in hopes they would produce themselves a queen. To often that doesn't happen because they have not enough bees to provide the necessary heat and not enough cell builders. Consequently NO queen.

Often the smoke was not applied until after the first comb had been removed. Experience dictates that a bit of smoke before removing any comb is a good practice. Learning HOW AND WHEN to apply smoke is quite important. While those colonies were in the build-up stage in an effort to gain rapidly in

population the entrances at the bottom were fully opened. It isn't always that warm in the state of Georgia. Again, experience played a part and it wasn't until such time as there was a good, general honey flow on that the entire entrance was opened.

The Boardman Feeder was also being used at the bottom which again experience has told us that if feeding syrup is necessary that such a feeder is not the best. One thing was correct, if feeding colonies is necessary then keep doing it until the bees decide that they no longer need it. It is another case when BEES KNOW BEST.

Oh yes, and some of the inner covers were placed flat side up which is not a good way to keep burr comb from being placed on top of the frames and one would also kill more bees than necessary when putting on the outer cover.

Those of us who work bees regularly have to keep these things in mind all the while. It only makes it easier for the beekeeper and the bees to appreciate it as well.

Glen Stanley  
2615 Aspen Road , Unit #1  
Ames, IA 50014

Mr. Glen Stanley spoke at the Central Iowa Beekeepers meeting March 15th about the Central Iowa club's beginnings. CIBA was started in the 1940's. Mr. Stanley was the State Apiarist from 1961 until 1988. Glen is celebrating 80 years of keeping honey bees. Congratulations Glen!



## Bees' survival rate higher this winter

### Early outlook good news for farmers

Saturday, March 22, 2008 3:21 AM

By Spencer Hunt

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Honey bees are as essential to the nation's crops as rain and sun, but a mysterious disease and a cold snap last winter killed off 72 percent of Ohio's



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bee population. Beekeepers such as Cheryl Wachsmuth hope their hives do much better this year. Although it's still early, things do look better, experts say.

Things are looking up for honey bees this year, but keepers know only too well that a fine line separates a good year from a disastrous one.

"It's still early," said James Tew, a beekeeping specialist at Ohio State University's research center in Wooster. "If it turns cold again and stays cold, the bees will eat all their honey and starve



to death."

As many as 85 percent of the honey bees across the state survived the winter, experts estimate. That's a big change from this time last year, when beekeepers opened their hives to find that a cold snap and a mysterious disease had killed off 72 percent of Ohio bees.

That translated into about 1 billion bees.

The higher numbers so far this year are good news for Ohio farmers who rely on bees to pollinate more than 70 crops, including apples, strawberries and pumpkins.

But no one is ready to say that colony collapse disorder is gone. The disease, which causes bees to abandon their hives to die, wiped out 400 of commercial beekeeper Joe Blair's 2,000 hives this winter.

Last year, the owner of White Star Farms in Fairfield County lost 1,000 hives. Blair makes his living trucking bees to orchards and farms to pollinate crops. "I can cover my pollination," he said. "That's all that counts."

Bees are as necessary as sunlight and rain to help the nation's farmers produce \$14.6 billion in fruit and vegetable crops each year. In Ohio, the crops were worth hundreds of millions of dollars in 2006.

Colony collapse has killed billions of bees in 35 states. It helped wipe out 38 percent of the nation's 2.4 million bee colonies last year, according to an Apiary Inspectors of America study published last year in the *American Bee Journal*.

The disorder has been active in California and Florida, where many commercial keepers house bees during winter months, said Diana Cox-Foster, a Pennsylvania State University entomologist. She's studying a link between Israeli acute paralysis virus and the empty



The 2008 Beginning Beekeeping Class taught through Kirkwood college in Washington, Iowa. Each year several beekeeping classes are taught through out the state. These classes are a great way to get started in beekeeping.

### "The Plight of the Honey Bees: Colony Collapse Disorder"

**April 21, 7:00 p.m.**, Lecture, Diana Cox-Foster, professor of entomology at Pennsylvania State University, free, Sun Room, ISU Memorial Union, 515-294-9823. Diana Cox-Foster is a professor of entomology at Pennsylvania State University. She is leading a team of researchers trying to explain "colony collapse disorder," the name given to the phenomenon that occurs when bees unexpectedly become disoriented and fail to return to their hives. Her research focuses on insect biochemistry and physiology and insect-pathogen interactions. Cox-Foster's research on the potential role of the Israeli acute paralysis virus in colony collapse disorder, recently published in *Science*, has huge implications for the honey bee industry in the United States and hence for U.S. agriculture. Her presentation will include an overview and discussion of colony collapse disorder along with related research on other pollinator species and implications.

hives. Residue from pesticides as well as parasites and other factors might contribute to the disorder.

Ohio's huge losses last year were blamed mainly on extended and late cold snaps that killed bees in their hives.

Both the cold and the disorder had keepers scrambling to replace their losses. In 2006, there were 32,827 hives statewide.

John Grafton, apiary-program supervisor for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, said there should be enough bees to pollinate crops this year.

Cheryl Wachsmuth, president of the

Central Ohio Beekeepers Association, said she lost one of six hives over the winter. Like Tew, she's hoping for warmer temperatures in the coming weeks.

"As long as we're good from here on out, we should be set," she said.



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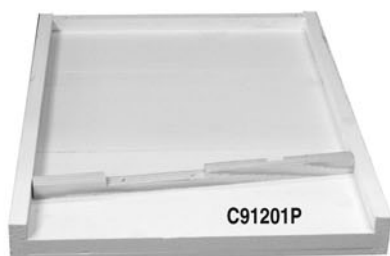
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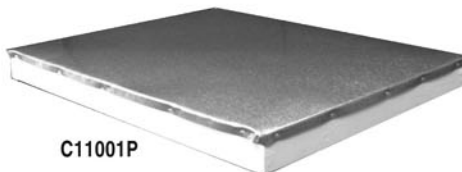
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