



The Buzz



September 2016



New Website—iowahoneyproducers.org

Iowa beekeepers,

As I start to write this I reflect on what all happens in August. We have honey harvest, back to school, state fair, and fall will very soon be looking at us head on.

My comb honey this year was short and sweet. I hit it early, as soon as I could, I took off all capped supers and processed them. I am very glad I started early and it is 90% done. That last week of July I couldn't find anymore. My bees are not in the best of shape. Mites, and more! I will be extracting as early as possible, hop to be done in August. Maybe a trickle flow still coming in and the bees can have it as I have meds that need to go on so I will get going. I want healthy bees for winter. When I consider the loss of pulling early versus dead bees in the spring, I will pull supers early. I'm starting to pull now (August 4th) and medicate.

I was asked to sit on a panel for a beginning beekeeping field day over at Sioux Center on July 30. Dr. Duane Bajema heads this up. I was on a panel with two other gentlemen that have years and years of experience. One winters his bees in insulated closed buildings! Yes closed buildings! I was able to have a long chat with him. He's a very nice guy I must say. I will say more later about this in months to come. I enjoyed every second of the panel discussion. There were seminars, and I found the sessions about extracting honey and moisture testing most useful. As one put it, my tongue and a simple shake of the frame can tell you a lot! (I can't keep my fingers out of good honey, so no problem sampling here!) The field day was very good. I chatted with the guys a lot after we were done (panel discussion was first thing) so didn't get in on much of the rest of the morning stuff. After lunch we went out with the bees and there was a young lady with the new "Flow Hive". I witnessed how they work and saw the in's and out's of one of those. I think of all the money they spent on getting it out and advertising, I wish I would have purchased a share or two in it. Bottom line: it worked! They will sell this even as expensive as it is. I said to a young beekeeper, I can't help but think bees are like a beaver, you wreck his dam and he builds it back twice as strong. The young beekeeper says to me bees only live a few short weeks how will they communicate that? He made a very good point. I

feel the Flow Hive will have its place in beekeeping, they are very interesting. Don't look the other way if you get the chance to see one in action.

I want to talk about something I feel would be a nice addition to the Buzz. We have a new cookbook, and I would like for someone to take a recipe a month feature it like a movie reviewer. Call it a honey recipe reviewer. Sounds fun? I wish I had more time. If this sounds interesting to you call me. [515 293-2458](tel:5152932458). (Editor: Roy got his wish right away—see p. 3!)

There is another new column in the making so watch closely and make sure your dues are paid to keep your Buzz coming.

Hope your bees are healthy and ready for California, or you are getting ready for winter. What you do now directly makes a difference on the outcome in March/April. Strong hives in the spring are not by accident anymore. Do your checks, feed, use pollen patties, medicate if needed. Yes, it costs money, but package bees are not exactly free! The choice is yours. The cheaper route is to do some work in the fall. You know your business better than anybody. The more time you spend in early fall by making the hive as strong as you can will go along way towards a strong, healthy hive in the spring.

I will sign off for this month by saying "thank you" to all who have show honey at the Iowa State Fair. I like the fair and the show at the fair has become a lot of fun for me and my wife as well. Hope I got a chance to say "Hi" to ya!

Let's bee safe, bee kind, bee friendly!
Good night!

Roy Kraft, IHPA President

Greetings from the Vice President:

"Honey Production" was the name of the game for last month. Extraction should be close to being done near Labor Day. Now your goal is to get those bees ready for an Iowa winter. It is hard to believe that right now in the midst of our heat we have to think about snow, ice, cold, and the needs of the bees for winter survival.

From what I've read and experienced, there are several things that we do that we feel are essential and critical for the life of our bees in preparation for winter. One is controlling Varroa Mites. Treat. Check. Retreat if necessary. The problem with this little bugger is that you can't visibly see them. When you do, it is almost too late to save your hive. Give your little ladies plenty of time to cycle through several brood cycles to have super healthy bees to go through the winter months.

For our Varroa Mite treatment, we will use a powder sugar roll to determine our mite count and then we will treat with Oxalic Acid Vapor treatment. We will do three rounds a week apart per hive. It is also suggested that we give one more shot closer to the end of fall to KILL those little critters for once and for all.

Another thing we will do is FEED our bees as the food in nature begins to diminish. In the fall it is a two to one sugar mixture. I'm giving info of both spring and fall feeding. Be sure to use the fall feeding this time of year. The bees need more sugar and less water to prepare for winter. And, keep feeding your little ones once you start. This allows the bees to establish enough stores for themselves for the winter.

There's more to getting ready for winter but these are a couple essentials that need to be done sooner than later. More suggestions for preparation of winter survival coming next month!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the IHPA booth at the Iowa State Fair. Together we accomplish so much! Please register for the IHPA Conference and Fall meeting. You'll find information in this newsletter and on our website at www.iowahoneyproducers.org. We have GREAT speakers schedules and I know everyone will leave better prepared for their own beekeeping operation. Register early, reserve your room, and get ready for a great time. The contests are a great way to show off some of what you do – cooking, mead making, decorating hive boxes, and photos. Details here and on the web.

Honey is the ONLY insect-created food with therapeutic, medicinal, nutritional, and cosmetic value. (www.benefits-of-honey.com) Wow! That is amazing.

Until next time, 'Bee' grateful, 'Bee' blessed, and 'Bee' a blessing,

Mary Wiltgen, IHPA Vice President



NEW FEATURE ARTICLE!!

Roy Kraft, IHPA President, had a great idea—get someone to feature a recipe each month from the IHPA cookbook. So along comes Emma Jakes.

Here's how she introduces herself:

"My name is Emma Jakes. I am from Indianola, Iowa, and I have been keeping bees for 4 years. I will be a freshman this year in Jakes home school. I enjoy doing pottery, hanging out with friends, working with my 3 hives, and cooking. I have been cooking since I was eight and I am really excited to share all the tasty recipes I've tried."

What's better, in our magazine, than having a young beek contributing each month? So WELCOME! Emma, and let's all try her recipe each month and look for her at the Annual Meeting in Nov.

She says, "With school getting started it becomes really hard to make healthy and quick snacks and meals. This recipe is tasty, quick, and healthy. The snack is super simple and way healthier than candy."

Three-Ingredient No Bake Honey Oatmeal Bars: (Page 91) were super simple to make. The recipe was easy to follow and the results were soooooo tasty. It took 15 minutes to make and it was all I could do to keep my family from eating all of them. Aluminum worked really well for this recipe. I recommend this recipe for anyone, both those just learning to cook and those who have 60 years of experience under their belt. Caution: these bars are addictive!

Get your copy of the new IHPA cookbook to try these and other really yummy recipes."

See Page 9 for Crockpot Honey Mustard Chicken!!



Well the honey supers are off and the extraction is finished. 70# average per hive. I was a little disappointed as I was hoping for 85# per hive. I based this on the way the season started. Hives came out of the winter in very good shape. No swarming for me and spring was early with a lot of blooming going on. Seems like the nectar flow was not as long as usual. July was a bust. I saw very little work in my supers in the month of July, even on drawn comb. I am hearing similar reports from other beeks here in the Central part of the State.

Next year is another year and the ground work starts **NOW** for it. Get those mite checks done early and treat if needed. Make sure those hives are heavy with food stores. Get your mouse guards on and get the hives ready for another Iowa winter. We now have time to reflect on what we did this year and get a plan ready for next year. You have to stay ahead of these young ladies or suffer the consequences.

Doyle Kincy

NEW BEE LAB!

Eli Kalke recently attended the 2016 Minnesota/ Wisconsin Joint meeting here in Minnesota. Marla Spivak announced that the new bee lab is nearing completion and an Opening Day is scheduled for October 29th for the public to come and celebrate. Here is their Facebook link so you check for updates for this event as we get closer to the date. <https://www.facebook.com/umnBeeLab/?fref=nf>

Merchandise, Merchandise, Merchandise

By the time you read this, the Iowa State Fair will be over and you will have missed your opportunity to get your new colorful t-shirts, or your new hat, slick-looking apron or the new cookbook. Sorry you missed it.

But don't despair, these items are still available on the website: www.iowahoneyproducers.org. Eric Kenoyer has done a fantastic job in getting the new website up and running and maintaining the information.

T-Shirts Youth \$12.00 Yellow, Black, Pink, Green, Ash Gray

T-Shirts Adult \$17.50 Yellow, Black, Pink, Green, Ash Gray

Apron One Size \$15.00 Black

Hat One Size \$10.00 Black

Cookbook Single \$10.00

Cookbook Case of 30 \$150.00

Did you know, if you buy a whole case of cookbooks (30 books) for \$150 that is only \$5 per book? The other \$5 per book is for you to keep. This would be a great fundraiser for your local bee-keeping club, a school fundraiser, etc. We have plenty of books. We ordered in April and have already re-ordered – and will be happy to reorder if we sell all that we have.

If you are not comfortable using the website, I will always accept merchandise orders by mail. 52735 187th Ave, Chariton IA, 50049. All items are subject to \$5.00 shipping (either mail or website).

If you have any questions, please let Rhonda Heston know at (IHPATreasurer@gmail.com) or 515-724-2124, and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Hi, Bill Drone here, greetings from the complex.

Well, it seems like life is moving along at a very rapid pace. I just turned 28 days old. How time flies, but then again that's what all the old ones say. I am supposed to be getting wiser as I get older and maybe I am. I am not sure who my creator is, but I am starting to get the feeling that I know what my purpose in life is supposed to be. Every time I fly over to a DCA, I get the feeling that it is the right thing to do. I fly out to a DCA five or six times a day but am only gone for about 30 minutes; that's all the longer I last before I need food. Martha is dragging me down a bit.

(Bill Drone cont)

Yesterday, Monday, I was at a DCA and here came a queen! The action was furious. All the drones were chasing her. Due to the fact that I am a mature male, I did a few flips and flew right up to her and what a surprise--she was my half-sister. No way am I going to sweeten up to a relative, besides she was skinny. I am not the kind of drone that goes to a family reunion looking for babes.

Well this is Friday. 32 days old and I feel old--Martha is still getting a free ride. Somehow I get the feeling that today is my lucky day. Heading out to a DCA that is close. I see all these young drones wasting all their energy, kind of reminds me of when Pat and I were younger. I miss Pat. Well there they go, heading back to the complex to get some foo.....Look up high, a Queen! Sorry, gotta go, I need to get there before anyone else. She is beautiful. "Care if I fly with you a little bit.....".

Hi. My name is Nancy. I am a nurse bee or a house bee, call me whatever you want. I used to help groom and feed Bill every once in a while. One day he asked a favor of me. He said that if for some reason he did not come back, it would be nice of me to let you know what it is like for me to live in the complex. I agreed just to make him feel better. Males mean nothing to me. However a promise is a promise, so here goes.

I was in a cell until 3 days ago. Some of my family helped me get out. Everyone is family here, and it is a big family. It is hard to call anyone by name. It is just impossible with that many sisters and half sisters. Well gotta go. Talk to you soon. As Bill would say, remember "Buzz" is the word! Nancy.

Bees vs. Elephants

It seems our little friends have been helping African farmers. Elephants that migrate around in Africa do great damage to various crops as they travel. Farmers have tried many ways to discourage destruction and protect their crops, but one lady devised a unique way—a bee fence.

Bees sting the elephants in the trunk area and the eyes, and once an elephant has been attacked by bees, it never forgets (of course). So a cornfield is surrounded by several real hives, suspended from wires (to protect it from predators), and several other dummy hives are hung in between each real hive all around the field. They are all attached by wires, so that if something big (elephants) bumps the wire, they all swing and the real hives' bees attack the intruder.

And of course I hear some of you mentioning the obvious as well: farmers realize a sizable increase in production thanks to the little girls' work, plus all the honey!

Pretty clever, wouldn't you say? Credit goes to Oxford DPhil Lucy King, a researcher who wrote a doctoral thesis on this project and proved its effectiveness. Bees—one; Elephants—zero.



104th Iowa Honey Producers Association Conference and Annual Meeting

November 11-12, 2016

Clarion Hotel and Convention Center

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Keynote Speakers include James Tew and Jennifer Berry

(See more details in The Buzz Newsletter or online at www.iowahoneyproducers.org)

Friday and Saturday ~~ Registration: 8:00 am ~~ Conference/Annual Meeting: 8:30 am

Friday ~~ Queen Luncheon – Noon ~~ Social Hour – 5:00 pm ~~ Banquet – 6:15 pm

Saturday ~~ Meet the Board & Directors Luncheon – Noon

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ County: _____

E-mail Address: _____

No. of Colonies: _____ Years in Beekeeping: _____

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 31ST (No exceptions).**

If you can only attend one day, no discounts can be given. No refunds will be given after November 1st.

****Pre-registration received by October 31st will be entered into a drawing for 2 free banquet meals!**

Conference and Annual Meeting Fees:

Individual:

Registration before October 31st - \$25 / After October 31st - \$30 \$ _____

Couple/Family Rate:

Registration before October 31st - \$40 / After October 31st - \$45 \$ _____



Annual Meeting Info Continued...

Queen Luncheon – Friday noon (pre-registration required by October 31st)

Number of tickets (per adult) _____ x \$15.00 \$ _____

Number of tickets (per child 4-12 years) _____ x \$12.00 \$ _____



Banquet – Friday at 6:15 (Banquet Keynote Speaker – James Tew)

Number of tickets (per adult) _____ x \$ 25.00 \$ _____

Number of tickets (per child 4-12 years) _____ x \$ 19.00 \$ _____

~NEW THIS YEAR! ~

Meet the Board & Directors Luncheon – Saturday at Noon (Pizza & Salad – Pop extra)

Number of tickets (per person) _____ x \$6.00 \$ _____

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES***:

IHPA membership dues (includes subscription to “The Buzz” newsletter) \$20.00 \$ _____

2nd Family membership with same address – Name- _____ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

3rd Family membership with same address – Name - _____ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

***Note: Paid 2016 membership is required to vote at the business meeting.

Return this completed form along with the payment to:

Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer, 52735 187th Avenue, Chariton, IA 50049

Please make checks payable to: Iowa Honey Producers Association

Any question can be directed to Mary Wiltgen, IHPA VP at tmwiltgen@gmail.com or 563-920-9628

Month by Month - September

It's September or close to it by the time you read this issue of the *"Buzz Newsletter"*. This is a busy month; you need to collect all your hard work by getting your honey off the hives and extracting it. But is that it? Are you done for the year? No, not at all! This is only the start for winter preparation of your hives and what is needed to help your bees survive the winter. So after the honey is extracted and the equipment is cleaned and put away for next year, I believe the following are four areas vital for winter survivability.

1. A healthy and vigorous queen
2. A strong healthy bee population
3. Sufficient food reserves and...
4. A good hive location with protection from the elements.

Let's start with the first one:

1. A healthy and vigorous queen – if your queen has been poor most of the summer and you didn't do anything about her, now is the time. If your hive's population is small, it may be too late to do anything about her, so give the bees to another hive to help their population out. If your bee population is good, 50,000 bees or more, I would not try to replace her. If your hive is just gearing up and the population is growing through August and September, she may be OK, and could be a supercedure queen or a new queen, give her a try.

2. A strong healthy hive population – this is the hard one! **Varroa Destructor (mites)** is the biggest problem on keeping bees healthy. What are you going to do? Some have started this process in early spring by getting a queen or genetics that will help fight the mites. Does that mean you don't have to do anything about the mites? I don't believe so. I just read in the last *"American Honey Producers Fall Newsletter"* that most people have a "do nothing" approach to mites or have no plan at all and that's not a good idea. A "no plans" for mites monitoring and treatment is a no hive alive in the spring. Because the beekeeper down the road who does have a plan and is learning as much as he can and is monitoring mites and treating as needed. And when the *no plan* hive's health suffers and the *I have a plan* bees come and rob, they bring back a mite bomb. At the IHPA'S summer field day in June, ether rolls were performed. On one group of hives I had mites, (9 per roll!) We keep a close eye on mites and were surprised. We evaluated the location of where we brought those hives in from. From that location there is a couple other beekeepers within a few miles, when we asked if

they treated for mites, there answer was..."no, we didn't see any, so don't have them". Please don't wait to see them to treat. If you wait to see them before treating, it may be too late.

According to *"Bee Informed"* - *"most people who do nothing are hurting the ones that are"*. I can relate to this. We moved the bees out of that location. We can't make someone else take care of their bees, but I don't have to sit next to them and reap the consequences. Even with genetics and hygienic behavior, monitor and test for mites to be sure they are still hygienic, etc. I cannot stress enough on this—test for mites and if needed, treat! When do you treat, try to have your honey supers off by the 1st of September and begin testing and treating then. This gives you 2 months of brood that is clean and healthy going into winter.

3. Sufficient food reserves - the hive needs enough honey stores for the coming winter or you need to feed them to get there. In the fall, feed 2 parts sugar to 1 part water. You need to put surplus weight in the hive. Honey is always best, but maybe you didn't get a fall honey flow or whatever and your hive is light... FEED!! Also, supplement them with a pollen substitute. That helps stimulate brood, and you need 2 cycles of clean, healthy brood (mite free) to go into winter. Kim Flottum of *"Bee Culture"* states: *"Take care of the bees that take care of the bees that go into winter"*. So try to care of the mites by the first part of September. And then pour the sugar water to them in October so they will build up to around 120 pounds of food stores in their hive.

4. A good hive location with protection from the elements – a good wind break. This could be a building site, grove of trees, hill, etc. Southern sun exposure is good, and a location that is close to home so they're easy to check on, feed and take care of. And wrap the hive to help the bees keep their hive warm and block the winds of winter. Do what you can to keep healthy bees and help your bees get ready for winter.

Bee Happy, Bee Faithful and Bee Yourself,

Pat Ennis, IHPA Past President and new monthly contributor.

"I don't like to hear cut and dried sermons. No—when I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees."

- [Abraham Lincoln](#)

IHPA Awards



If you know of somebody the IHPA should recognize during the Annual Meeting in November, please contact Curt Bronnenberg at [\(515\) 480-6075](tel:5154806075). Send nominations to cbronny823@aol.com or Curt Bronnenberg, 14405 Hull Ave, Perry IA 50220. A brief written description of the nominee's involvement in beekeeping/IHPA would be appreciated.

Here are the categories. See if someone you know should have an award.

Lifetime Membership Award

Pioneer Award--for having been involved in beekeeping for 50 years or more and still active in beekeeping.

Distinguished Service Award--for assisting other beekeepers, being willing to share information, and/or serving the state association.

Education Award--for teaching beekeeping classes, speaking at service clubs, giving presentation to school children or speaking about beekeeping on radio or T.V.

Promotions Award--for promoting honey and beekeeping, promotions for the state association or promoting their own product.

Friendship Award--for being a friend of the association. This could be someone who has displayed at the annual IHPA trade show or a state official who has assisted or encouraged beekeeping. They do not need to be a member of our beekeeping community.

Youth Award--for a young person who has shown commendable involvement in such things as helping at the state or county fair, successfully keeping bees for at least one season including wintering, writing, making a float for a parade, speaking, etc.

***A bee is never as busy as it seems;
it's just that it can't buzz any slower.***

- [Kin Hubbard](#)

Here is another recipe from Emma Jakes. Since I put half of the article on page 3, I learned that Emma spoke to Pat Ennis at the State Fair, agreed to write the article, and submitted it immediately—What a gal!! So now here's another recipe that must find its way onto your table. Send me email if you tried it and like it, and I'll forward to Emma:

Crockpot Honey Mustard Chicken: (Page 41)

"This was really simple to make. I threw the chicken into the Crockpot, mixed up the toppings, threw those in, and left for a couple hours! Cooking this recipe on high for 6-8 hours was too long. You will want to adjust cooking times based on how your slow cooker works. The chicken turned out dry because of length of time it was cooked, but this recipe was still really simple, healthy, and so yummy."

Emma Jakes (9th grade cook, Monthly Recipe Critic)



104th Iowa Honey Producers Association

Conference & Annual Meeting November 11 – 12, 2016

Clarion Hotel & Convention Center — 525 33rd Avenue SW

Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 (319)366-8671

(Friday and Saturday ~~ Registration: 8:00 am ~~ Conference/Annual Meeting: 8:30 am)

Room rates for the IHPA members are

\$72 plus taxes with reservations made by Thursday, October 27th.

The IHPA Conference and Annual Meeting is our yearly opportunity to get together and discuss the wonders as well as mysteries of beekeeping. This meeting is open to anyone interested in beekeeping or honeybees. We have a variety of guest speakers from across the United States come to speak on their expertise in the beekeeping world. For current beekeepers this is a great time to hear what is new in beekeeping or ask questions of those with a greater number of years' experience. Those who are thinking about getting started in beekeeping will have numerous chances to ask, 'What's it like to keep bees?' There will be no shortage of answers! Beekeepers love to share the stories, fun, and enjoyment they have found in beekeeping.

2016 Conference and Annual Meeting Speakers include the following:

James Tew, Jennifer Berry, Charlotte Hubbarb, Andy Joseph, Andy Hemken, the Iowa Honey Queen and more!

Additional information in The Buzz Newsletter and website

(www.iowahoneyproducers.org) will include cooking, photo, hive body, and mead contest rules, plus luncheons and banquet information.

IHPA Contests and Rules

Rules for the “Peoples’ Choice”** Photo Contest:

- Photo must be matted but not framed.
- Any size photo will be accepted for this competition.
- Your name needs to be on the backside of the photo.
- Must be a Honey Bee, not a Bumblebee or native Iowa bee

****NEW this year ~ Photo Contest ONLY will be judged by YOU!**

Categories to be submitted will include:

1. Bee on Flower
2. General beekeeping
3. Marketing or Promotion
4. Extracting Honey or Specific Photos pertaining to Honey

Rules for the Cooking Contest:

- Honey is to be the only sweetener.
- Please submit your recipe with your entry.
- Judges will keep recipes to be included in the “Buzz”.
- Your name needs to be on the back of the recipe card.

Categories to be submitted will include:

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| 1. Desserts (includes pies) | 5. Breads |
| 2. Bars or Cookies | 6. Appetizers or Snacks |
| 3. Drinks | 7. Jams/Jellies |
| 4. Cakes | 8. Miscellaneous |

Entries could be judged on:

- Presentation of entry
- Best use of honey
- Amount of honey used (compared to other entries in the category)
- Flavor of entry
- Overall appearance of entry

(Judges reserve the right to determine how to best judge the entries)

Rules for Mead Judging Contest:

- Supply at least two bottles of Mead
 - Mead will be judged on the rules of the State Fair.
 - - Mead will be judged on alcohol strength, sweetness, carbonation, temperature, taste, and presentation.
- Your name needs to be written on paper provided in the contest room.

Categories to be submitted will include:

1. Traditional Meads
2. Molemel (Fruit Meads)
3. Metheglyn (Spiced Meads)

Bring extra bottles of Mead to share at the “Wine and Cheese” social hour Friday night.

Rules for Hive Body Paint Design Contest:

Two categories:

- Adult (16 years of age or older)
- Youth (15 years of age or younger)
- Your name needs to be written on paper provided in the contest room.
- The use of stenciling not allowed.
- Hand painted design to cover a minimum of one side of the hive body.
- Theme of your choice.

AUCTION ITEMS!!

It is that time to Bee thinking about the upcoming meeting in November! Donations of items for the queen auctions would be greatly appreciated! These items donated will be on auction, (live or silent). The money raised will help the Honey Queen get to your events!

Thanks, Connie Bronnenberg



For Sale:

Corn Syrup: 40# bucket--\$18. 50# bucket--\$23. Your container--.40/lb; 500# + .35/lb

Protein Patties: \$2 each, or case of 40 \$70.00

Honey: 50# \$127.00 (\$2.40/lb + \$7—bucket)

Honey Styx: Box of 2,000--\$180 (.09 ea). 500-1999 cost .12 ea. 1-499 cost .15 ea.

Spring Valley Honey Farms, Perry IA. Connie [515-480-6076](tel:515-480-6076). Curt [515-480-6075](tel:515-480-6075)

Hobby producers: I have the equipment to extract your honey! Located in southeast Iowa. Will travel to your location.

Dennis Potsander 508 33rd St, Fort Madison, IA 52627
dpotsander@icloud.com

All,
I thought I let the group know that I have some locally raised and mated queens (about 15 left) for sale if anyone is interested. They are all marked white and have been confirmed to be laying worker brood (I don't just see eggs and call it good).
Can reply back to this or call/text me for more information at [563-212-6356](tel:563-212-6356).

Available for pick-up in Clinton, IA. Price is \$40/each.

People seem to want to know if they're Carniolan or Italian. They're some "mutts" that have been working out for me for the past few years. They make a good amount of honey, they're gentle, and they don't seem to eat very much during winter. They tend to be orange-ish in color, but a good number are also striped or black. I never know until I open them up to see if they're laying.

Jacob Carlson <jwcarlson1984@gmail.com>

Save the Date for 2017

2017 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow

January 10-14, 2017

San Luis Resort & Galveston Island Convention Center
Galveston, TX

Save the date for the 2017 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow. That's right, The American Beekeeping Federation (ABF), the American Honey Producers Association (AHPA) and the Canadian Honey Council (CHC) will come together for a combined conference & tradeshow in 2017. This is one conference you won't want to miss so make your plans now.

The conference will be held at the Galveston Island Convention Center in Galveston, Texas. Guest rooms will be available at the following properties:

- San Luis Resort
- Hilton Galveston Island Resort
- The Holiday Inn Resort Galveston

With anticipated attendance of 1000+, this is the perfect place to learn more about beekeeping, share best practices and visit with vendors who have lots of great information to share with you.

Features of the conference include:

- Participation of beekeepers from all over the world
- Updates from the USDA-ARS bee labs
- Presentations from industry leaders
- Interactive hands-on workshops
- Full-day of sessions for commercial beekeepers

Editor—I recall putting some words in the August Buzz about questions. I had some space, and I said people should send in questions. Well, since no one sent me anything, I thought I'd put one in myself:

A friend of mine wanted to requeen. He went into the hive of the problem queen, found her, and squeezed her. Her dead body dropped to the bottom, between the frames, and he didn't want to go after her.

Now that her successor is up there on top, waiting in her new cage, will the bees in the hive reject her because they can still smell the pheromone of the old queen down there at the bottom?

What do you think? Email rrihpa@gmail.com



September Extracting Special!!

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included - \$ 229.95 (plus tax)**

~2 oz bear w/cap, 50 pack - \$25.00 (plus S & H)

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Remembering the good old days of early summer. One special day was the Field Day out at Goodell, all the work Pat and Peggy put into that event, all the things the two of them have done for the IHPA through the years—all of it inspires all of us to more involvement, more service, more mentoring. Beekeeping becomes a passion for all of us, doesn't it? But for some of us, like our IHPA officers, it becomes a labor of love. None of us regular beeks know how much work it is to set up the fair booth, populate it with volunteers, keep the organization running, visit the clubs and inspire new beeks. And the list goes on and on. Each of us must never become lazy and assume that this whole thing runs on inertia or something. It happens due to the hard work of people who are not only running their own operations, but are spending a lot of time helping all of us hold together. They are all a blessing to all of us, and whenever you see them, you must encourage them. Make their work easier by volunteering and helping out yourself. Who knows? You might end up "bee"ing an officer yourself one day. Let's all get together in Cedar Rapids this fall, and make this organization strong!! Our little honeys deserve it. (editor)

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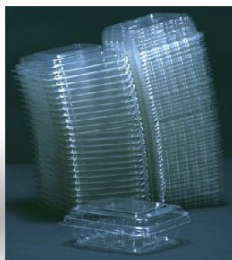
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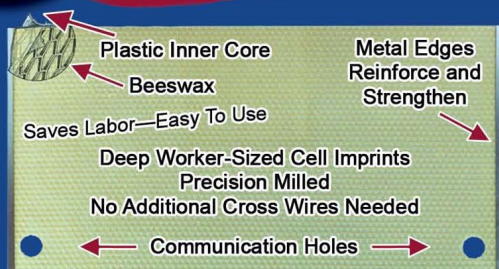
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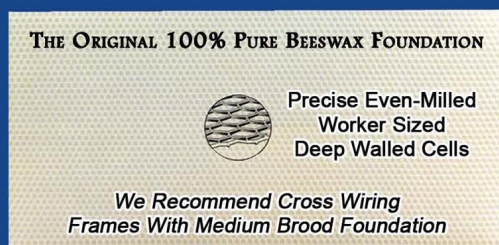
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