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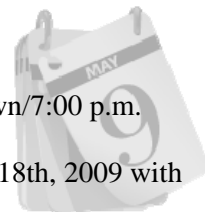
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Dates To Bee Remembered

Nov. 6th, 2008 **IHPA Board Meeting** Best Western Regency Inn/Marshalltown/7:00 p.m.
 Nov. 7th-8th, 2008 **Annual Meeting** Best Western Regency Inn/ Marshalltown
 Think ahead! CIBA will have their annual beekeeping equipment auction on April 18th, 2009 with the location to be announced.



Membership dues for 2008:

Dues for 2008 must be paid in order to be able to vote at the 2008 IHPA Annual meeting. They are still \$10 for the primary member and \$5 for each additional family member at the same address. The November Buzz will be the last one sent to members who have not sent in their 2008 dues. 2009 dues are being accepted now if you want to send it in.

Melanie Bower, Treasurer
 207 S.E. Diehl
 Des Moines, IA 50315



IHPA T-Shirts (*These are membership prices. Non-member prices are available on request.*)

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The Buzz Newsletter Article Submissions and IHPA Memberships

Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to Alex W. Ebert by email to TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com or by mail to The Buzz, c/o Phil Ebert, 14808 S. 102nd Ave. E., Lynnville, IA 50153. **The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month to be included in the following month's newsletter.** The Buzz is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Honey Producers Association which is an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society. IHPA Membership is only \$10 annually. To join IHPA and receive your complimentary member subscription to The Buzz Newsletter, please contact Melanie Bower, IHPA Treasurer, 207 S.E. Diehl, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone: (515) 287-6542

Greetings from the President of the IHPA

Dear Honey Producers,

If we don't get most of our autumn chores done this year we are entirely too busy. Hasn't the weather been "beeautiful"? Mike, son Steve and grandchildren JoAnn and Jack planted around 700 garlic cloves last week and got the garden in tip-top shape for winter. Grandma's child size gardening tools sure do the trick. We even have enough to squelch any squabbles now. The extracting is complete. Most of the farmers' markets are finished. The honey bees seem content with this nice weather. The furnace hasn't had to run yet. We are gearing up for holiday craft shows and indoor markets. Just when I think I have time to breath, something else pops up.

The pesticide informational meeting that we had last month gave each individual a task to complete and then we will assemble the information and take it to Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Northey. Some positive things are going to come out of this co-operative effort to get a handle on the pesticide spraying. I will keep you informed as things develop. The deadline to submit reports was Oct. 15, so as I write this, reports have just been submitted. No outcome is available at this time.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting of the IHPA in Marshalltown. We have a great meeting lined up thanks to Pat and Peggy Ennis. We will welcome new youth beekeepers, present some awards, have an election, and enjoy the company of fellow beekeepers. Please bring items for both the silent auction and the live auction. These auctions support our Iowa Honey Queen Program.

As we turn our attention to getting our hives ready for the winter ahead, let's remember to take every effort possible to provide a healthy colony. Did you remember to remove the fall treatment from your hives? There are reports of chemical build-up in the hives from

mite treatments, so make sure that you remove them on time. Is your entrance reducer in place to keep out unwanted pests and drafts? Did you wrap your hives? Do they have adequate stores of food for the winter months? Is there enough ventilation present? Damp honey bees are not a good thing. Let's hope for a winter that will let our honey bees survive.

If you are contacted to help serve on a committee, act as a mentor for our youth program, run for officer or as a director, or to lend a helping hand, I certainly hope you will consider doing so. We are a volunteer organization and the work needs to be spread out over the entire organization. We have come to rely on a few volunteers and we would welcome your help to carry out the mission of the IHPA. Quoted from the by-laws of the IHPA. "The objects of this Association shall be to coordinate the interest of the beekeepers of Iowa and bring them into closer relationship of mutual helpfulness by association, conference and correspondence; to sponsor legislation for the benefit and protection of the industry; to assist in the dissemination of information on the control of diseases; to inform the members and the public of the valuable use of honey as well as the importance of the honey bee in relation to the pollination of agricultural crops, and to support every effort to promote the advancement of the beekeeping industry." To go along with that, the board has decided to include a list of "perks" for being a member of the Iowa Honey Producers Association. Most of the items are taken for granted, but listing them really puts into perspective the work that is carried on in this organization. Some of it is never even noticed by the membership, other factors are noticed readily. Help us continue the great tradition of beekeeping in Iowa.

We need to start thinking of ideas for our 100th anniversary. Let the board know what your thoughts are for cele-

brating 100 years of beekeeping in Iowa. It will be here before we know it.

Enjoy the "beeautiful" fall colors, the crisp weather, the joy of family and "BEE THANKFUL"!

Sincerely,

Donna Brahms, IHPA President

The Nebraska Beekeepers Association Chemical Free Workshop

November 14: Deadline to register for Chemical Free Workshop; submit registrations to Nancy Holman Southeast Community College, Continuing Education Division, 301 South 68th Street Place, Lincoln, NE 68510, phone 402-437-2712, fax 402-437-2703

November 21-23: Chemical Free Beekeeping Workshop at Southeast Community College, Lincoln NE, Current speakers confirmed are: Dee Lusby, Randy Quinn, Dean Stiglitz, Laurie Herboldsheimer, Corwin Bell, Kelley Simmons, and Michael Bush. Topics Small cell beekeeping, Experiences in natural cell beekeeping, Bee breeding, Top bar hives, Natural cell size and varroa, Small cell management, several others are in the process of deciding and making arrangements details will be updated as available.

www.nebraskabeekeepers.org

Extractor for Rent Through the Department of Ag

The Department of Ag has some small-scale extracting equipment available for loan:

**Small motorized extractor
Hot knife
Honey filter baskets**

Just call me (Andy) at (515) 725-1481 if interested.

**Frederick H. Terfehn
(1935-2008)**

Melissa Laughlin (wife of Tim Laughlin) is the daughter of Frederick H. Terfehn. Mr. Terfehn showed exhibits at the Iowa State Fair through the 1990's. He also continued in the bee and honey business until 2002.

GRUNDY CENTER – Frederick Harlan Terfehn, 73, of Grundy Center, died Saturday, Sept. 27, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, from complications of a stroke.

He was born Sept. 5, 1935, in Shiloh Township near Wellsburg, son of Anton and Grace Lutterman Terfehn. On March 18, 1955, he married Norma Jean Stahl at Colfax Center United Presbyterian Church, rural Holland. She died in February 2003. He later married Virginia Palmer on Dec. 23, 2003, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Waterloo.

Mr. Terfehn graduated from Wellsburg High School in 1954, then attended Central College, Pella. He worked briefly as a plumber for Brockway Plumbing and Heating, Grundy Center, until he began farming with his father-in-law, retiring from farming in 1973. He continued in his welding and lawn mower repair business full time until retiring in 2000. He most recently did some trucking for area people.

**Local Beekeeper Lee Heine
Honored at Wisconsin Honey
Producers Summer Meeting**

Firestone, Colo. – National Honey Board (NHB) Past Chairman Lee Heine, Hillsboro, Wis., was honored for his years of service with NHB at the Wisconsin Honey Producer's meeting in Redgranite, Wis., July 12.

Heine was appointed to NHB by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in 2001 to represent honey producers in the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan. Prior to that, Heine chaired the NHB Nominations Com-

mittee. During his term on NHB, Heine chaired various committees, was elected to the NHB Executive Committee, and was elected by his fellow board members to serve as NHB Chairman for three terms, from 2004-2007. At the July 12th meeting, Heine was surprised with a presentation by NHB Chief Executive Officer Bruce Boynton. Heine was presented with two plaques, one in recognition of his service to the Board from 2001 to 2008, and one with grateful appreciation from the staff of NHB.

"Lee Heine has given an incredible amount of time and support to the industry, NHB and its staff. We want to make sure he knows his dedication and outstanding service and support have been appreciated," Boynton said. "Over the years he has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to NHB programs, travelling thousands of miles, devoting many hours and supporting staff in ways too many too count."

Heine has been a Wisconsin beekeeper for more than 30 years and manages 800 bee colonies for honey production and pollination services. He is past president of the Wisconsin Honey Producers Association and has been a long-time manager of the Watertown branch of Dadant & Sons, America's oldest and largest manufacturer of beekeeping supplies.

NHB conducts research, advertising and promotion programs to help maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets for honey.

**Schafer Appoints Members
to the New Honey Packers
and Importers Board**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 2008 -- Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer today announced the appointment of 10 members and 10 alternate members to serve on the new Honey Packers and Importers Board. They will serve staggered terms for the initial board beginning immediately and ending between Dec. 31, 2010 and Dec. 31, 2012.

Handler members are: Buddy Ashurst, El Centro, Calif.; Nancy J. Gamber-Olcott, Lancaster, Pa. and Steven C. Smith, Colton, Calif. Alternates are: Ilene Miller, Salt Lake City, Utah; Jim Phillips, Waxahachie, Texas and Brent Barkmen, Hillsboro, Kan.

Importer members are Bob Coyle, Bellevue, Wash. and Charles V. Kocot, Basking Ridge, N.J. Alternates are: Elise Gagnon, Rosemere, Quebec, Canada and Gregory Olsen, Bloomington, Minn.

The handler/importer member is Hans J. Boedeker, Tustin, Calif. and Nicholas J. Sargeantson, New Canaan, Conn., is the alternate.

The marketing cooperative member is Mark Mammen, Sioux City, Iowa; and Robert Brandi, Los Banos, Calif., is the alternate.

Producer members are: Zac Browning, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Clint Walker III, Rogers, Texas and George Hansen, Colton, Ore. Alternates are: David W. Ellingson, Odessa, Minn.; Mark Brady, Waxahachie, Texas and Bonnie Woodworth, Halliday, N.D.

The members and alternates were nominated by the certified national honey organizations representing first handlers, importers, packer-importers, honey co-ops and producers.

The Honey Packers and Importers Board -- authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996 -- administers an industry-funded coordinated research, promotion, consumer education and industry information program. In addition, the board conducts a generic program of promotion, research, consumer education and industry information to maintain, develop and expand markets for honey and honey products.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service oversees the operations of the Honey Packers and Importers Board. For more information, contact Kathie Notoro at (202) 720-9915 or e-mail: Kathie.Notoro@usda.gov. More information can be found at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/rpb.html>.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS ASSN.

November 7th & 8th, 2008

Marshalltown, Iowa



It's meeting time again! The annual meeting of the Iowa Honey Producer's Association will be held Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th, 2008 in Marshalltown, Iowa at the Best Western Regency Inn located at 3303 South Center Street.

Registration costs this year will be: \$15.00 for an individual before Nov. 1 and \$20.00 after November 1st.

Rooms for the event are available at the Best Western Regency Inn for the rate of 1 adult with a queen or king bed for \$71.10 or 2 adults for \$75.60. The Super 8 which is right adjacent to the Best Western, has the rate of \$65.00 for 1 or 2 adults with a queen or double bed. (There are only 5 rooms at the Super 8 for these prices.) These rooms need to be reserved by October 16th to get the convention special rate and please mention the Iowa Honey Producers when reserving the rooms. The telephone numbers to call are: Best Western (800) 241-2974 or Super 8 is (641) 753-3333.

We have a full schedule planned as usual. Make plans to enter the photo contest or the foods made with honey contest to show off your skills or enter the homebrewed Mead contest.

There will be a silent auction on Friday and Saturday this year, so get some Bee collectibles together to share with your friends. There will also be an auction during the banquet of larger items. These auctions benefit the Iowa Honey Queen Program.

Speakers for this meeting include Randy Oliver and Michael Bush. We will also have several workshop topics to choose from. They are being worked on at the present. Watch for the information in the next issue along with the meeting agenda.

Make your plans now to attend the annual meeting of the Iowa Honey Producer's Association on November 7th and 8th, 2008.

To register contact Melanie Bower at:
Melanie Bower, Treas. IHPA
207 S. Diehl Street
Des Moines, IA 50315
or phone with inquiries to (515) 287-6542

**SEE YOU IN MARSHALLTOWN
NOVEMBER 7TH AND 8TH FOR FUN,
FELLOWSHIP AND BEEKEEPING
KNOW-HOW!**



Rules for the Photo Contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting

Photos must be matted but not framed.

Any size photo will be accepted for this competition.

Please put your name on the backside of the photo.

Categories to be submitted will include:

Bee On Flower
General Beekeeping
Marketing or Promotion
Extracting Honey or Specific Photos pertaining to Honey
Swarms

Rules for the Cooking with Honey contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting

Honey is to be the only sweetener

Please submit your recipe with your entry

(Judges will keep recipes to be included in the BUZZ)

Put your name on the back of the recipe card

Categories to be submitted will include:

Desserts
Bars or Cookies
Drinks
Cakes
Breads

Appetizers or Snacks

Entries could be judged on: (Judges reserve the right to determine how best to judge the entries)

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

Mead Contest for the IHPA Annual Meeting

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.

Categories:

Traditional Meads
Melomels (Fruit Meads)
Metheglin (Spiced Meads)

Bring extra bottles of Mead to share at the Wine and Cheese Party by the Pool.



IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS 96th ANNUAL MEETING MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA — NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: (____) _____ County: _____

No. of Colonies: _____ Years Beekeeping: _____ Company Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

NOTE: PREREGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINE NOV. 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS:

Individual:	Registration after November 1st will be \$20.00	\$15.00	\$ _____
Family Rate:	Registration after November 1st will be \$30.00	\$28.00	\$ _____
BANQUET - Friday night 7:00 P.M. (per person)	Number of tickets _____ X	\$30.00	\$ _____
Lunch on Saturday - (per person)	Number of tickets _____ X	\$20.00	\$ _____

YEAR 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Iowa Honey Producers Association includes subscription to "The Buzz" \$10.00 \$ _____

2nd Family Membership same address Name: _____ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

3rd Family Membership same address Name: _____ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

(Year 2008 membership required to vote at Business Meeting)

COOKBOOKS:

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>1-9</u>	<u>10 or more</u>	
Iowa Honey Producers Cook Book	_____	\$6.50	\$5.50	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make Check payable to:

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Please fill out form completely:

Iowa Honey Producers Association

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Phone: (515) 287-6542



The banquet and luncheon prices have increased due to price increases by the restaurant as their costs have increased over last year. The meal cost is still very reasonable for the food and the use of the motel for our annual meeting.

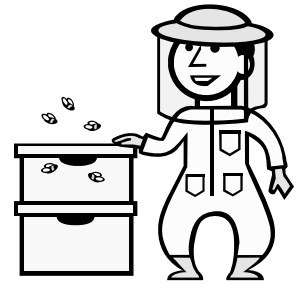
**NOTE: MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING IN THEIR OWN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS
AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2003**

When sending in your magazine subscription or national association membership be sure to inform them of your membership with Iowa Honey Producers Association and give them the name of the Treasurer. There will be printed magazine ordering forms at the meeting. This should speed up your renewals and still give you the association rate on the magazines. There is no discount on membership to the national associations.



WELCOME TO THE 96TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 7th & 8th, 2008
BEST WESTERN REGENCY INN
MARSHALLTOWN, IA 50158
641-752-6321



Friday, November 7th

Morning schedule:

- 8:00 - Registration.
- Visit vendors in room E
- Cooking with Honey & Photo Contest entries due in room F @ **10:00!**
- Mead for judging entries due in room F @ **10:00!**
- Donated items for Silent Auction to Regina Jager
- Meetings will take place in rooms A & B
- 8:30 - Call to Order and Welcome!.....Donna Brahms, President of the IHPA
- Introduction of IHPA Board Members and Announcements
- 8:45 - State Apiarist ReportAndy Joseph, State Apiarist
- 9:05 - Bee Notification & Pesticide Spraying.....Chuck Eckermann
- 9:35 - Natural Cell Size and its Ramifications to VarroaMichael Bush
- 10:40 - **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Rm. E.
- 11:00 - **Door Prize**, must be present in the room to win
- 11:05 - ??????????.....Lee Heine, Dadant WI
- 12:00 - **LUNCH** - On your own or you can eat at Mr. G's here in the hotel.
Queen Luncheon at Mr. G's. HAVE LUNCH WITH OUR IHPA QUEEN!

Afternoon Schedule:

- 1:00 - **Door Prizes**, must be present in the room to win.
- 1:05 - *Annual Business Meeting (We will have an agenda for members)*
- 2:45 - Cooking Contest ResultsDonna Rayhons, Doris Ramsey, and Carol Wehr
- Photo Contest ResultsWarren Nelson
- Mead Judging Results.....Steve Richardsen, Tassel Ridge Winery(www.tasselridge.com)
- 2:55 - **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Rm. E.
- 3:10 - **Door Prizes**, must be present in the room to win
- 3:15 - Meet the Honey Queen CandidatesRegina Jager
- 3:30 - Nosema Ceranae.....Randy Oliver
- 4:30 - State Fair Exhibitor's (meet in Rm. F)
- **Silent Auction Ends** – collect your treasures!
- 5:00 - **Wine & Cheese welcome by the pool - Time to Visit, Compliments of the Marshalltown Convention & Visitors Bureau (We will be having our 1st annual Mead Judging Contest. Please bring your finest homemade mead!)**
- 6:30 - **Banquet (located in rooms C & D)** – This year's meal will be family style. This dinner will consist of Roast Beef, Baked Chicken, Irish Parsley Potatoes and California Blend Vegetables. There will also be a tossed Salad or Cole Slaw, Fresh Baked Rolls w/butter, Coffee or Tea. Dessert will be cheesecake w/Topping. The cost: \$25.00 and children (ages 3-10) are \$3.00 less, tax and gratuity included.
- Banquet Program:**
Introduction of Queen Candidates, Parents and SponsorsRegina Jager; Honey Queen Chair
Awards PresentationDonna Rayhons, Chairman of the Awards Committee
??????Randy Oliver
THANKS! From the Iowa Honey Queen.....Diane Jurchen
Auction – Support the Queen Program.....Bill Van Roekel
Queen CoronationRegina Jager



Good Night!!!!!!

Saturday, November 8th

Morning Schedule

8:00 - *Registration*

Note: Vendors will be packing up around noon today.

8:30 - *Announcements & Door Prizes*.....Pat Ennis
- *Introduction of IHPA Board Members*
- *Bee Inspection Report*.....Delmar Nelson
8:50 - *Small Cell Hive Management*.....Michael Bush
9:50 - **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Rm. E
10:05 - **Door Prizes**, must be present in the room to win
10:10 - *Judging Criteria* Warren Nelson
11:05 - *Mite IPM*.....Randy Oliver
12:00 - **Lunch (\$16.00 tax and gratuity included)** – *Meat Loaf, Mash Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Roll and Beverage.*
1:00 - **Silent Auction Ends** – collect your treasures!

Beekeeping Talks/Workshops 2008

1:00 – **Beginning beekeeping**
1:30 – **Beginning beekeeping**.....
2:00 – *Future of Bee Breeding*.....Randy Oliver
3:00 – *Over wintering Nucs*.....Michael Bush
4:00 - **Adjournment**

Note: There will be a short meeting of 2008 board members and officers in Rm. B



***THANK YOU FOR COMING
AND DRIVE SAFELY!!!!***

NOTES:

Monetary Help for Attending the National Beekeeping Conventions

American Honey Producers Assoc. Convention/ Fresno, CA January 6-10, 2009

American Beekeeping Federation Convention/ Reno, NV--January 13-17, 2009

The IHPA board would like to announce that there will be available to the membership a \$500 "scholarship" to help defray some of the cost of attending either the American Honey Producers Association or the American Beekeeping Federation meetings in January of 2009. Interested beekeepers need to submit a letter to the board stating the reason for wanting to attend. The recipient of the money will be required to submit articles to the BUZZ for inclusion in the March issue with a deadline of February 15th telling about important items that were discussed through the sessions held.

We need to keep current on the events and research that is being done in the United States and this meeting gets that information to beekeepers. We feel it is necessary to get as much information to the membership as possible to help keep beekeepers informed concerning new technology and treatments available and to learn about the research that is taking place to further beekeeping.

Please submit your application letter by November 30th to:
Donna Brahms
65071 720th Street
Cumberland, IA 50843
Mbrahms@netins.net

New National Honey Board Takes Over

Exit the National Honey Board. Enter the National Honey Board.

At its first meeting on Sept. 4 in Denver, the new honey packer and importer-funded honey research and promotion board voted to operate under the name "National Honey Board" and to operate out of the same office as the previous, producer and importer-funded, honey board in Firestone, Colorado.

To ensure a smooth transition of operations, the new board purchased the assets of the old National Honey Board. As instructed by USDA, the new board will set aside a percentage of the value of the acquired assets -- 35% or \$58,753 based on proportionate assessments paid -- to be held for producers and a possible future producer-funded

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U.S. honey board.

The new board also voted to pick up the National Honey Board's ongoing bee research projects and to begin promotional programs and other activities as of Oct. 1. Promotional materials that have been available to the industry in the past will continue to be available as usual.

Elected officers for the new board include: Buddy Ashurst, Chairman; Clint Walker III, Vice-Chairman; and Nancy Gamber-Olcott, Secretary-Treasurer. The board hired Bruce Boynton as Chief Executive Officer.

The next meeting of the new National Honey Board is scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18 in Denver.

(Reprinted from *THE SPEEDY BEE*, August 2008)

CHALLENGE

I would like to challenge all the Iowa local beekeeping clubs to sponsor at least one scholarship for a young beekeeper. The Central Iowa Beekeepers gave money to sponsor one scholarship last year and was so impressed with the success of this program that at our September meeting we voted to offer **two** scholarships for this year.

I believe that this is one of the most successful programs that the Iowa Honey Producers have implemented. I want to thank Terresa Jurchen (I have forgotten her married name) for researching this program and bringing to our board of directors.

I really believe this is the great program to help new beekeepers get started and I would ask you all to support this program by volunteering to be mentors.

Submitted by
Arvin and Jeanne Foell

THANKSGIVING CRANBERRY BREAD

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1/4 c. butter
2/3-1 c. honey
2 eggs
1 c. orange juice
2 c. whole wheat flour
1/4 c. milk powder or 1/3 c. instant
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 c. chopped nuts
2 c. fresh whole cranberries

1. Cream the butter and honey; beat in the eggs and orange juice.
2. In a separate bowl, stir together all of the dry ingredients (except berries); add gradually to the liquid mixture. Fold in the cranberries.
3. Turn the batter into an oiled and floured loaf pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Cool.

THE BEEYARD REPORT

The days grow shorter, activity at the bird feeder is slowing down, the horses are putting on hair, extracting is done and the nights are a little chilly. It's time to put the bees to bed for the winter. We are feeding some yards to get them up to weight. September and early October have had some of the best weather of the year. There has been a fall flow. We had to pull our supers early to get our mite treatments in so we didn't catch it. I thought feeding requirements would be down. This hasn't proved to be the case. Some yards were heavy but others had almost nothing. Most of the bees look really good. I'd be optimistic but they looked good last year. We still had a big loss. I know the length of the winter and lack of spring contributed to this but if they can winter bees in Alberta and Saskatchewan, we should be able to do it here. They have an extra month of winter up there.

A lot of what happens inside the hives is invisible. We can't tell if viruses are on the verge of taking off or if there is tainted pollen in the combs. A lot of times, the big good looking colonies that appear to be healthy are the first ones to die. Other times, the little dinks, that appear to have no chance, survive and really take off in the spring. We try for big clusters going into winter. We put colonies together until we have enough bees. There are always a few left over that we don't do anything with. I'm often surprised at which ones survive.

Our mite load seems to be under control. The colonies that had a big load in August look good now. Colonies that were dropping over 100/day are testing 1 or 2 on an ether roll. I was surprised at how well the Apiguard worked. We have found it's a lot more effective at warmer temps. I had my doubts about its efficacy since the bees clear it out so quickly. A big active colony can have it cleared off the application pads within 24 hours. We had 100 MiteAway pads but only used them on one yard.

It's a lot more work to install them. You have to extricate the pads from the bag and you need a spacer rim. They do work well if your mite load isn't too high and you have daytime temps at least in the 70's.

We had been seeing a few hive beetles but hadn't had any damage until we got down to the last few stacks. They had been in the honey house a little too long. One of the pallets was covered with a mass of writhing larvae. The larvae is pretty tough. I poured some bleach on them just to see how they handled it. It didn't seem to have any immediate effect.

Our no Tylan policy is creating some problems. We have more foulbrood than I like. We brought several foul colonies home this fall. If we stay with it, we are going to have to change some management practices. One thing that makes it difficult is that we move stuff around so much. The yards have to be full for us to be efficient. The death loss is never even. In a yard with a small loss we can fill the holes with bees from that yard and we limit exposure. In others, we haul in bees from multiple yards to get all the slots filled. We used to mark the boxes with the yard and the colony the bees came from. I think we will have to go back to that. We may have to go back to queen excluders to cut down on the pollen in the combs and to keep the queens out of the supers. The pollen is an attraction for the hive beetles. The wax moths like it, too.

We shook some foul colonies onto used combs. In general, I regard this as a poor practice. Putting them on foundation is a lot better. It was right at the end of September. I thought it was too late for the bees to be motivated to draw wax. I did try it with one group. The results are not in yet. I am not optimistic. If they did draw some wax, I don't expect to winter those bees. We will shake them out later.

There was some honey in Northeast

Iowa. Doug Child said his good colonies filled two boxes after they came back from the cranberries. I had an e-mail from Ray Zook. He got over 500# of honey from three packages. The fourth didn't do anything. I noted earlier that Dennis Naeve did well. If there is any honey out there, Dennis will get it. Tim Laughlin and Marlyn Duncan had pretty good years, also.

I'm starting to think about winter projects. I hope to build some pallets with screened bottoms. I want to make them so I can close up the bottoms for winter. There is too much heat loss in the early spring. The Swinger needs a lot of work and the flatbed has a come and go lighting system. The new building will enable us to work on equipment inside.

I picked up a new customer in Japan. It was a small order. The post office has an international rate for the flat rate boxes. I can get 15# of honey in the larger one. It still cost \$50 to get it to Japan but he was happy with that. Food is extremely expensive over there.

Is anybody sick of Lying Politicians? I'm amazed the country functions at all. They seize on some item and embellish it out of proportion, particularly when someone changes position on something. Positions you hold in high school and college are often irrelevant. I've changed my mind on a lot of things over the years.

I hope to see a lot of you at the annual meeting.

Submitted by Phil Ebert



Why you will be happy to become a member of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

The **Iowa Honey Producers Association** represents the needs and the interests of the beekeeping industry.

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By-Laws of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

Article 11 - Objects

The objects of this Association shall be to coordinate the interest of the beekeepers of Iowa and bring them into closer relationship of mutual helpfulness by association, conference and correspondence; to sponsor legislation for the benefit and protection of the industry; to assist in the dissemination of information on the control of diseases; to inform the members and the public of the valuable use of honey as well as the importance of the honey bee in relation to the pollination of agricultural crops, and to support every effort to promote the advancement of the beekeeping industry.

Article 111 - Membership

Section 1. Anyone interested in the beekeeping industry is entitled to a membership in this organization.

Membership dues are \$10.00 payable each year. A second family member (or more) can receive a membership for \$5.00. Only one newsletter will be sent to each household.



Notice to Members of the IHPA

The officers and board members of the IHPA would like to propose some changes to our by-laws. This is being published so that members having questions or suggestions could present them to us before the annual meeting so that the amendments can be finalized for voting during the business meeting section during the convention.

Article III-Membership, Section 2-The Annual membership dues in the Association shall entitle the holder to membership from the beginning of one annual business meeting until the beginning of the next annual business meeting. Proposed change: THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE ASSOCIATION SHALL ENTITLE THE HOLDER TO MEMBERSHIP FROM JANUARY 1 UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

Article IV-Officers and Directors, Section 1- The officers of this Association shall be a president, a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and historian. There will also be seven directors, one of which will be the immediate past president. All officers will hold office for one year and be elected at large from the State of Iowa. Proposed addition: EACH OFFICER OR DIRECTOR SHALL BE OVER THE AGE OF 21.

Article VI-Duties of Officers, Section 3-The secretary and the treasurer shall keep the records of the Association, handle all funds and carry on all business of the Association. Their activities shall be under the directions of the Executive Board. They shall close their books prior to each annual meeting and make a report at the annual meeting. The books shall be audited annually. Proposed change: THEY SHALL CLOSE THEIR BOOKS ON DECEMBER 31 WITH THE ANNUAL AUDIT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER. A REPORT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING CONCERNING ASSOCIATION FINANCES.

Featured Beekeeper of the Month

This month our featured beekeeper is Craig Greene. He and his wife Sherry live at Knoxville, Iowa. Their business name is Wee Bee Apiary.



Bee removal in progress. The bees, inside a storage shed north of Osceola, IA, had constructed a nice set of combs.



It appears the bees inside this barn west of Knoxville, IA had been quite busy building a wall of combs.

Craig is a newcomer to beekeeping having just started about 5 years ago. He says the bee community intrigued me. He has 20 hives, sells honey and offers a bee removal service. He likes saving bees from a removal and turning the colony into a producing colony. In the future he plans to learn queen rearing, and sell queens.

Craig is a member of the Iowa Honey Producers Association and the Back to Basics beekeeping group of about 20-30 people. Back to basics meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

The group promotes honey in the community by means of education and honey sales. They also have a beekeeping display at the county fair and assist new beekeepers.

Thanks for your story Craig and good luck with your bee removal.

Submitted by Ron Wehr



How \$4 Million For US Bee Research Is Spent

A Who's Who of Colony Collapse Disorder Scientists

by Kim Flottum, *Bee Culture* magazine
On July 17, Ag Secretary Shafer announced that the University of Georgia had been awarded a \$4.1 million grant to study CCD.

This is a four year CAP (Coordinated Agriculture Project) grant, funded through USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), which aims to improve the health of managed bee populations in agricultural systems. The research, according to Shafer, will address genomics, breeding, pathology, immunology and applied ecology to explain the causes behind dwindling bee populations.

Researchers will work closely with the extension community and other stakeholders to develop and implement mitigation strategies for CCD and other significant problems.

The research team that put together the proposal is spread out over much of the country, coming from 16 Universities and two USDA Honey Bee Research Labs. That they just got this money isn't a surprise since we outlined their goals some time ago, but I'll bet you haven't heard of most of these scientists, and I'd like to give a short introduction for some of them, so you know who is in charge of finding out the answers to Colony Collapse Disorder.

- The Project Director is Dr. Keith Delaplane, Univ of GA. He's written a couple technical books on pollination and honey bee mites, and a couple of beginning beekeeping books. He does research and Extension at GA, mostly on varroa mite IPM, but other projects as well. On this grant he'll be working on IPM and queen resistant queen production.

- Dr. Kate Aronstein, from the USDA Honey Bee Lab in Weslaco, TX will be working on the new disease suspected of contributing to CCD, *Nosema ceranae*. She'll be working with Dr. Tom Webster, KY State, and Dr. Leellen Solter, who is leading the *Nosema* studies, from the Natural History Survey in IL. Dr. Christina Grozinger, Univ NC will also be helping, doing micorarray analyses of *Nosema*-infected bees collected by Dr. Aronstein, and also looking at the genetic differences between bees resistant and susceptible to *Nosema*, produced by Dr. Greg Hunt, from Purdue. She will have one of the stationary apiaries.

- Dr. Anne Averill, Univ MA is the non-Apis scientist in the group, who will be studying the effects of insecticides on bees that aren't honey bees.

- Dr. Nick Calderone, from Cornell Univ is studying genetic variability of northern bee populations, and when he finds desirable samples will send them to Dr. Greg Hunt at Purdue who will incorporate them in his resistant program, and to Dr. Steve Sheppard, WA State, who is doing the same thing for western and southern U.S. bees. Dr. Calderone will also develop stock selection protocols for honey bee breeding programs.

- Dr. Diana Cox-Foster, PA State will be working on the diagnostics and pathogen collection part of the program. She has one of the stationary apiaries.

- Robert Danko, USDA Honey Bee Research Lab in Baton Rouge will be working on finding honey bee strains

resistant to varroa mites, in collaboration with Dr. Hunt and Dr. Marla Spivak, Univ MN.

- Dr. Frank Drummond, Univ ME, will be studying the pollinating efficacy of *Bombus impatiens* (a bumblebee) and looking at bumblebee habitat. He also will manage one of the stationary apiaries there.

- Brian Eitzer, from CT Ag Experiment Station will be conducting toxicology studies and analyses.

- Dr. Marion Ellis, Univ NE will be looking, along with a Post-Doc student and a colleague, Dr. Blair Siegfried, at the sub-lethal effects of pesticides on honey bees.

- Dr. Zach Huang, MI State will be working with Dr. Webster and others on *Nosema*-induced morbidity.

- Dr. Greg Hunt will, in addition to the tasks already mentioned, be doing a significant amount of work on the genetics of resistance in honey bees to a variety of problems, using a wide collection of sophisticated techniques working with the newly fleshed out honey bee genome.

- Chris Mullin, PA State will be working on sublethal pesticide bioassays, along with Maryann Frazier and Dr. Jim Frazier. Dr. Nancy Ostiguy, PA State will be working on the descriptive epidemiology of the Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus and Deformed Wing Virus and is part of the stationary apiary program in PA. Steve Sheppard, WA State Univ will manage one of the stationary apiaries, and be looking at genetic diversity in the honey bee population. Dr. John Skinner, Univ TN will be responsible for getting all of this information from the scientists to the eXtension web site for distribution to the rest of the world. These scientists have joined with the USDA Ag Research Service's Areawide Project to form a Managed Pollinator Community of Practice, a combined website that will be the chief conduit through which new

knowledge will flow to beekeepers and crop growers. Dr. Marla Spivak, Univ MN will have one of the stationary apiaries, and will be working on developing honey bees resistant to the various pathogens they are finding, and then teaching commercial queen breeders how to incorporate these traits into available queens. Dr. Kirk Visscher, Univ CA, Riverside will manage the stationary apiary in California. And Dr. Tom Webster, KY State will study the two *Nosema* diseases we have, the old one and the new one, and what happens when they combine with each other, and other stress disorders.

So there you have it. A vast entomological army of expertise. The best there is, according to the USDA, which gave them the money, to study Colony Collapse Disorder. When you divide the \$4.1 million between all these people, plus buy all that equipment for apiaries, each one doesn't end up with much ... let's hope it's enough.

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3 tbsp. all-purpose flour

1/4 tsp. salt

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1/2 tsp. nutmeg

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Pastry for 2 crust 9 inch pie

Mix flour, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add sour cream, honey and pecans. Stir in apples that are peeled and sliced. Line pie pan with half of pastry. Add filling. Put on top crust. Preheat oven and bake at 425 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce to 350 degrees and bake 15 minutes longer. 6 to 8 servings.



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