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This bee season continues to be interesting. This article is a result of a phone call I received early this week. All of us have high expectations for our bees. We learn about beekeeping by making mistakes. It is important to understand why things happen and then work to prevent it from happening again. In this case -- a common cause for bee failure "Absconding bees"-- hopefully will help one to know what to do and what to look for when doing a hive examination.