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Queen issues have been around from the time bee journals began to be published in the United States. That is back to the 1860's and the introduction of the Italian race and many others into the U.S. Consider all the names given to queen bees today and the large number of names that no longer exist.

This article is directed at all beekeepers but especially the new beekeepers who most likely assume all is well when they pick up a package of bees and put them into a hive. Beekeepers must keep a watch full eye on the progress being made by a package of bees with-in that first month the package is installed. If the queen fails - meaning the bees did not kill her -- the colony may still be at risk!

This article addresses that issue. Queen introduction will be covered in next week's article.