

2025 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #24a

I am leaving for several days to be in New York State. For me, I wish I were taking some hives of bees with me but the reality of the visit doesn't allow for me to return later to pick them up and harvest the honey the hives would certainly get. I have checked my bees, and they are in good shape. I have several nuc's rearing queens that I am pretty excited to get back to. I will share my small-scale queen rearing attempts with you in an upcoming issue.

This month and next month are busy for sharing my experiences with honey bees and making new beekeeping friends. I have set aside the Month of August for vacation trips which Judi and I take every year. Thus, beekeeping issues may be reduced or not sent out in August. I am currently up to 8 hives of bees -- started out in spring with 2 packages - one of which failed because of a poor queen and the purchase of three strong nucs. I will be treating with several new products to fight mites. It will take some time before I will be able to report any mite results, but I am looking forward to writing and sharing what I experience.

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