

2025 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #31a

It continues to be rainy and hot wherever I end up going. Judi and I just returned from another long trip to Ohio where I had a chance to pick up a few queens to requeen several of my colonies. It is hard to find good dependable queens and I have had the good fortune to have some long-time contacts. That is the value of being able to grow friendships. I have individuals asking all the time where they can find good queens. I can only say buy local from people you know and trust. It seems like local queen rearing beekeepers are growing in numbers.

Moisture in honey is high this year and mites and what to do about them continues. I keep looking for mite resistant bees. But there are things about keeping bees that never change. Fall is around the corner and my bees clearly show me that I need to start doing things that will help them survive into next year.

I appreciate the response from many of you regarding a zip drive of a collection of these notes. I have been spending time organizing them by subject matter so when one needs some information -- such as feeding bees for example - the information will be easy to find. I have located a source for inexpensive zip drives (Amazon) and will be checking out a way to mail them as cheap as possible. As has been my custom, labor cost are free. Thus, the post office will most likely be the most expensive item in getting them out. I am working on that.

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