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Time slips by so quickly. October is half over and time still exist to manage your bees for winter survival. I am in the "the getting ready for winter routine." This includes many things outside keeping bees.

I hope that I have taken care of the bees. They are still flying and gathering some pollen, and some nectar. I check them every so often to make sure the food chamber has comb filled with winter stores. I am still evaluating bee populations but I can say, all my hives are looking good. It is now a wait and see game. The old adage is "take your losses in the fall and make increases in the spring."

It is now a time to reflect on the future. How many colonies will survive the winter and what did I do that could have saved those that die? Depending on where you live, bee management has issues with weather. Bees kept in warm southern states face different issues than those facing very cold long winters. But this season is not over just yet!

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