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You may think that winter arrived but far from it. The bees adjust to cold weather and just as soon as outside temperatures go up, the bees react quickly. North Carolina is a unique state. The three regions of North Carolina can see temperatures and weather conditions different (each quite different) at any point in time.

Thus, the mountain area may look a bit like Ohio with colder weather and snow, while those near the ocean may have higher temperatures and those of us who live in the central part of the state just take what nature offers us.

Bees (your bees) react to temperatures. It makes no difference where you live -- your bees react to local conditions. This issue shares what my bees were doing this week. A shift from 70-degree weather to freezing temperatures in the mid 20- degree range and now back to the mid-60's.

I had the chance to talk to several friends in Ohio this week and I noticed the weather report this morning for the Columbus, Ohio area was showing 60-degree temperatures for today. That is not too far off the temperatures expected here in Raleigh today.

Bees have survived for millions of years. They are remarkable creatures. Bee's basic needs are much like our own -- stay warm, find a good place to shelter from the weather, and have plenty of food to eat.

Wishing you all a great Thanksgiving Day!

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