

2025 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #9a

Spring is just around the corner. Maples are in bloom here in Raleigh and bees are handling the weather just fine. I did a couple of hive inspections this week and was glad to see bees doing well. Small hive beetles have survived the winter in good condition as well. Get beetle traps in hives or use Swiffer sheets early. Like right now if you see them.

Many new beekeepers are finishing classes and are waiting to get bees. Hive survival figures coming out are varied and I have included a report I received from a friend who keeps bees in Indiana and takes a large number of colonies to California for almond pollination.

As this new year moves forward, I find myself spending a lot of time giving bee talks from now right up to November. I may be required to skip a week now and then, but my goal is to keep on schedule with an article each week.

Dana