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You are receiving this September issue of beekeeping notes article # 17 early. I will be traveling to the prime-time bee season in the Finger Lake region of New York State. This area is well known for the production of buckwheat and golden rod honey. I have a heavy schedule that will take me to Ohio as well, before I return to N.C. With all the storms and rain, I hope the weather will be good as I look forward finding material to write about.

On a local note, I really am glad I had a chance to taste purple honey at the Person County bee meeting this past week. This is becoming a popular honey variety in the N.C. sandhills country, and the range evidently can be found in the Person County area as well. According to the North Carolina State Beekeeper's current Bee Buzz article, purple honey is well known in those areas where it is produced. The question is what is it? Bee collects it and from what I read and have been told -- no one knows much about where it comes from. Honey samples have been sent off for investigation as to what produces it. From my own observation, it is dark with a purple hue, taste great -- sweet with a mild flavor. According to the Bee Buzz, it is selling for \$10 to \$20 an ounce and those who have been selling it -- it sells fast.

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