

**WARREN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
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MEETING NEWS

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 at the Hopkinsville Community Center Building on Rt. 22/3 near the intersection of Rt. 22/3 and Rt. 48.

You won't want to miss our next meeting. We will have a discussion about "Springtime Colony Management". If you are new to beekeeping you will learn some tips and tricks from our more experienced beekeepers. We will be talking about everything from when to open a hive, what to check for, how to do a quick check for a queen without opening the hive. We will have pictures of some of the things you will see inside the hive. Have you seen pollen coming into your hives yet? Maybe one of our club experts can identify that creamy off white pollen that was coming in on March 22nd.

**BEEKEEPERS CALENDAR
APRIL**



The Bees. The weather begins to improve, and the early blossoms begin to appear. The bees begin to bring pollen into the hive. The queen is busily laying eggs, and the population is growing fast. The drones will begin to appear.

The Beekeeper. On a warm and still day do your first comprehensive inspection. Can you find evidence of the queen? Are there plenty of eggs and brood? Is there a nice pattern to her egg laying? Later in the month, on a very mild and windless day, you should consider reversing the hive deeps. This will allow for a better distribution of brood, and stimulate the growth of the colony.

Time Spent. Estimate 3 hours.

REMINDERS



Just a reminder if you ordered packaged bees from Marion Ackman, pickup date is April 12th.

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We also wanted to give a big Thank You to JoAnn Brown for putting together the newsletter for the group for so many years. I was told 15 years, but wasn't sure. Great Job! Thanks JoAnn!!!!!!