

WARREN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

June 2009



MEETING NEWS

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 PM. The address of the meeting place for future Warren County Beekeepers Association is: Lebanon Presbyterian Church, 123 N. East St., Lebanon, OH 45036.

Roger Barton will be giving the program on making splits. Thank you to Pamela Bishop who will be providing the refreshments.

BEEKEEPERS CALENDAR



JUNE AND THE BEES: The bees will be working hard filling supers. They can still swarm during June, so keep an eye out for swarms.

There is no need to feed the bees. They are gathering plenty of nectar and pollen. You may see the bees hanging out on the front of the hive at night. This is normal. On hot and especially humid evenings, many bees will spend the night outside the hive, clinging to the front of the hive or they may form a beard on the ground in front of the hive. This phenomenon is called "bearding". This would be like you enjoying your cool porch on a hot evening.

Continue to monitor your hive. It is suggested you inspect your hives every two weeks to ensure the queen is laying well. The bees will need water, so be sure to keep a water source near your hives. Bird baths work well and the bees stay out of the dog's water bowl and neighbor's pool.

Most beekeepers begin to consider the amount of mites within hives during June. Some will even begin to treat. However, no treatments can be administered in a hive while supers are on. This could contaminate the honey with chemical residue. Wait until the last summer nectar flow is over before treating with any treatment. If mites become a problem it will be during the summer and fall months. It is not good to disturb the bees during the Summer nectar flows, nor have any traces of mite treatment added to the honey. So wait until August or September to begin the treatment program.

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