

MAKING NUCS

for NWPBA Field Day

Saturday, June 25th, 2022 10AM-2PM
Ernst Conservation Seeds, 8884 Mercer Pike, Meadville, Pa. 16335

PUT YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO ON THE BOX.
Bring a maximum of TWO nucs with you on Saturday.

'BEE' signs will direct you from the Ernst parking lot to yard.
You will receive a receipt and/or tag when you arrive on June 25.

Choose one of TWO options:

1. Add a virgin queen or mature queen cell of mite-resistant stock
2. Allow nuc to make own queen to be mated at Ernst Seeds Community Apiary

Option 1: Add a virgin queen or mature queen cell of mite-resistant stock

COST will be \$30 per queen/nuc.

Prepay can be mailed to NWPBA Treasurer, 15834 Linesville Rd., Linesville, Pa 16424

WE PROVIDE: A virgin queen or mature queen cell. This queen will be from Purdue leg-biter, Mite-Mauler or other stock selected for mite-biting behavior & from a Northern Survivor

YOU PROVIDE: A queenless nuc with the following-

- 4, 5 or 6 frame nuc box
- Medium or deep frames with a minimum of:
 - 1 frame of honey (partially uncapped or caps scored to allow easy access)
 - 1 frame of pollen (can be a mix of pollen & nectar/honey)
 - 2-3 frames of CAPPED brood (avoid very young larvae or eggs on frames)
 - Other honey or capped brood frames to fill out larger nuc box (6 or more frames) with no gaps

TIPS:

- Put queenless nuc together about **June 16-18th**
- Check every couple days to assure there are no queen cells. Dig out the larvae and discard each time you find one. We want to create a hopelessly queenless condition for at least 7 days.
- Frames & bees can be mixed from different colonies to make a nuc. They will not fight.
- Try to use frames with No new eggs, open larvae or queen cells
- Try to avoid bringing extra drones in the nuc (a few are okay)

Option 2: Allow nuc to make own queen to be mated at Ernst Seeds Community Apiary

COST will be **\$0 per nuc, minimum of two**

WE PROVIDE: **Nothing**

YOU PROVIDE: **A queenless nuc with the following-**

- 5 to 8 frame nuc box
- Medium or deep frames with a minimum of:
 - 1 frame of honey (partially uncapped or caps scored to allow easy access)
 - 1 frame of pollen (can be a mix of pollen & nectar/honey)
 - Minimum of 2 frames of CAPPED brood
 - One frame of mostly eggs/young larvae
 - Other honey or capped brood frames to fill out larger nuc box (6 or more frames) with no gaps

TIPS:

- **Put queenless nuc together TWO DAYS prior to Field Day (Thursday, June 23rd)**
- Frames & bees can be mixed from different colonies to make a nuc. They will not fight.
- Avoid bringing a nuc with capped queen cells. They could be damaged in travel
- Check and DOUBLE-CHECK that there is no queen in the nuc box

Any questions, please contact Charlie Vorisek 814-350-0662 or vbeefarm@windstream.net