

In Case you Missed it

Swarm Prevention
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Swarms cause disruption in a community. You are labeled a nuisance.

When you see queen cups you should be thinking swarm prevention.

When you see queen cells you should be thinking swarm control.

Reasons honey bees swarm:

- *natural reproduction
- *poor beekeeping
- *decrease in the natural queen pheromone
- *congested living conditions
 - *brood bound: no place for the queen to lay eggs
 - *honey bound: no place to store food (honey/pollen)

Timely brood expansion is swarm prevention
Demaree Method was discussed

Factors which affect the swarm impulse

- *age of the queen (new queens are less likely to swarm)
- *race of the bee (every race of bee does the same thing differently)

Ways to prevent the swarm impulse

- *timely brood expansion
- *cage the queen (they will not swarm without a queen-gives you 5-7 days)
- *practice brood expansion (Demaree Method)

Ways to do swarm control

- *cage the queen for 21 days, destroy all the queen cells, allow the brood area to hatch and open up before the queen is released.
- *make splits if desired to sell or keep.

Be Aware: If queen cells are capped you no longer have a queen.

Replacing queen before winter should be done no later than September