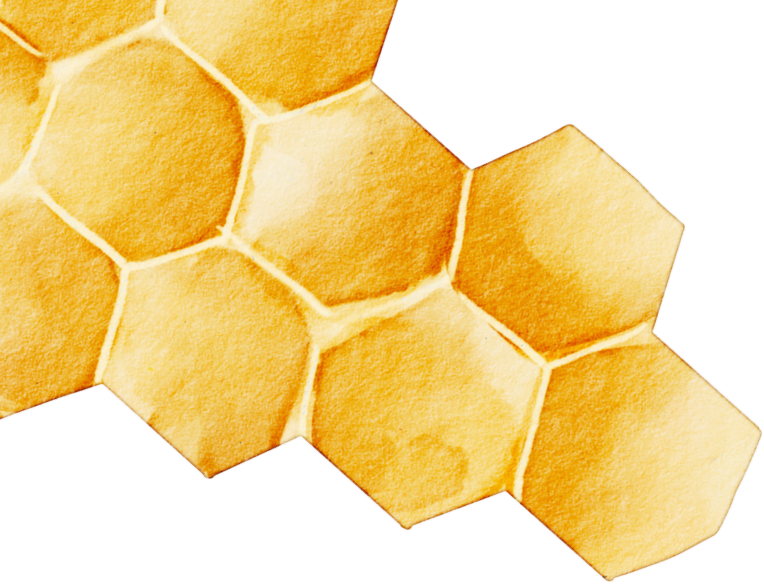


BEE WORKBOOK



Beekeeping
Record Book





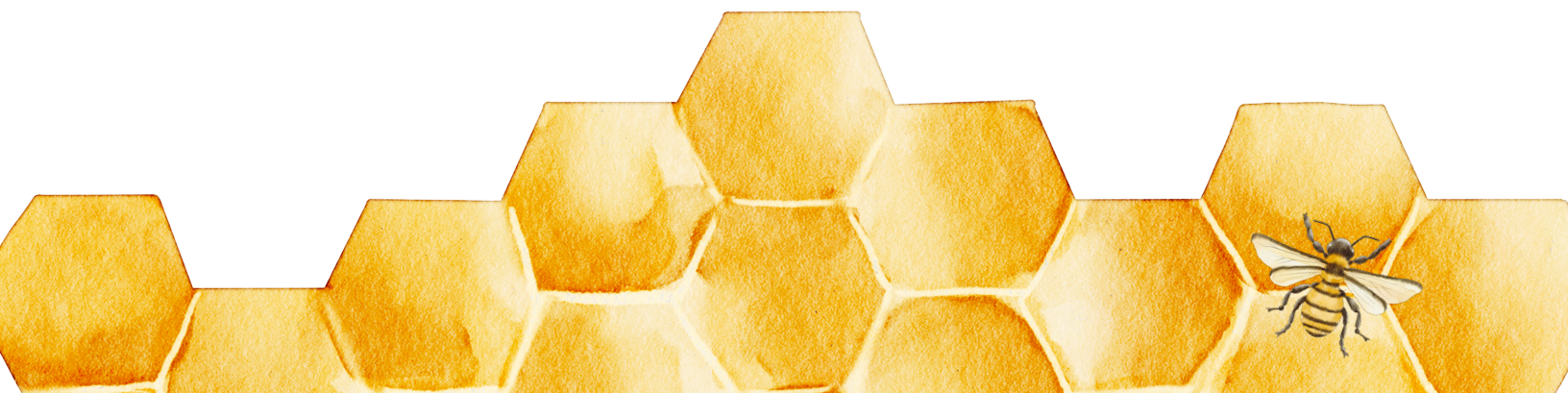
My Beekeeping Journal

Name _____

Address _____

Apiary # _____

Year _____



Prepare for Your Inspection

Have your journal on hand, journal during your inspection or immediately after

Gather these items for your inspection:

- frame rest
- empty hive
- hive tool
- smoker
- bee suit with gloves
- glasses, if you wear them
- hair tied back
- hat
- phone/camera
- weather app





Visual Inspection of Exterior Hive

Intact and Clean?

Damage to hive?

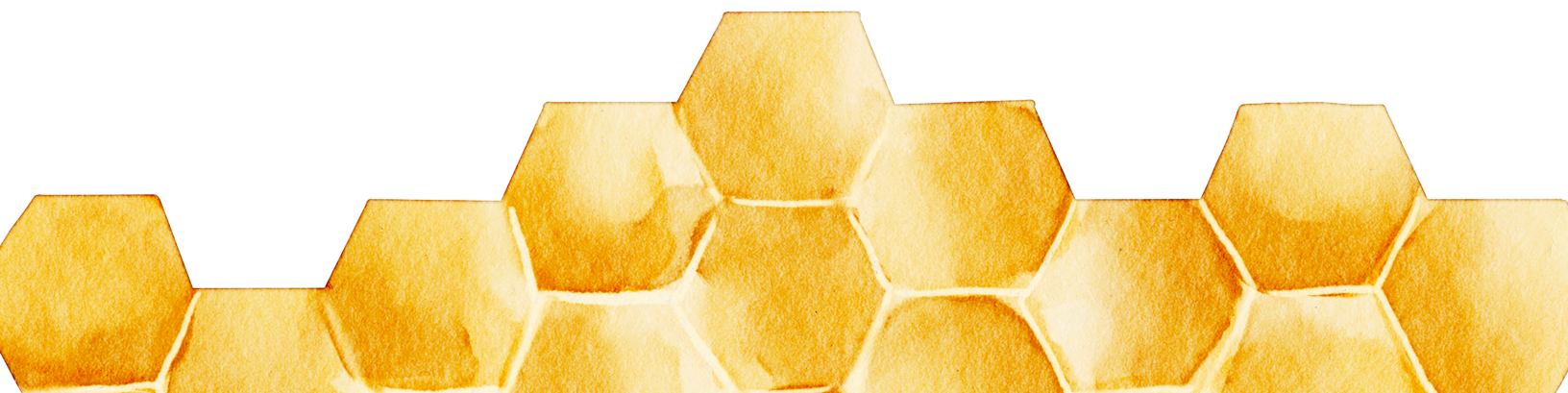
Are bees flying?

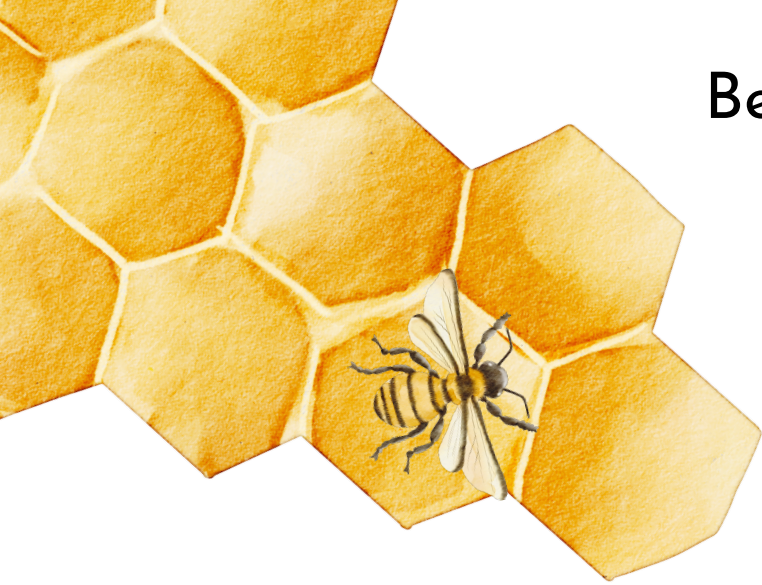
Are Bees bringing in pollen?

10 bees with pollen every minute is a good sign for a healthy hive

Are the bees agitated or aggressive?

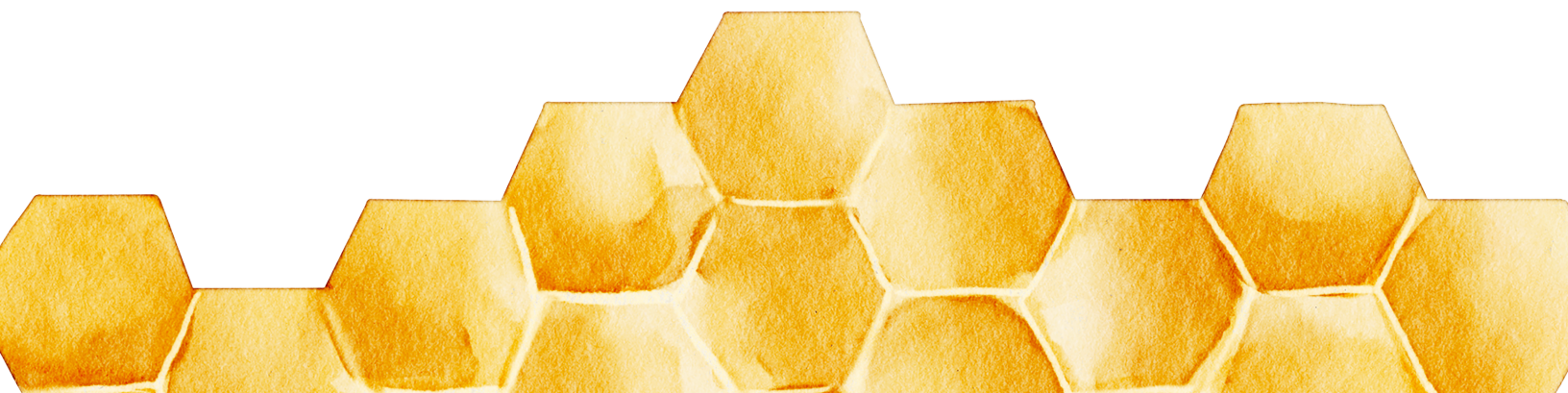
Suit up!

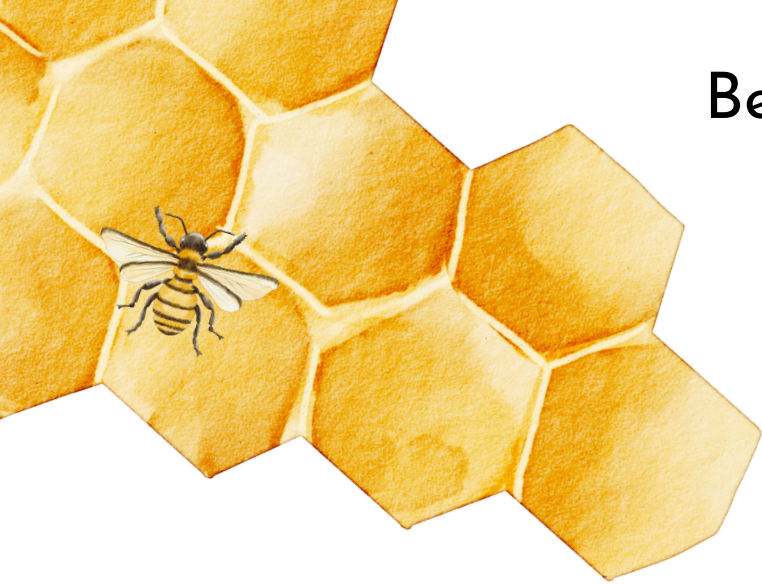




Visual Inspection of the Inner Cover

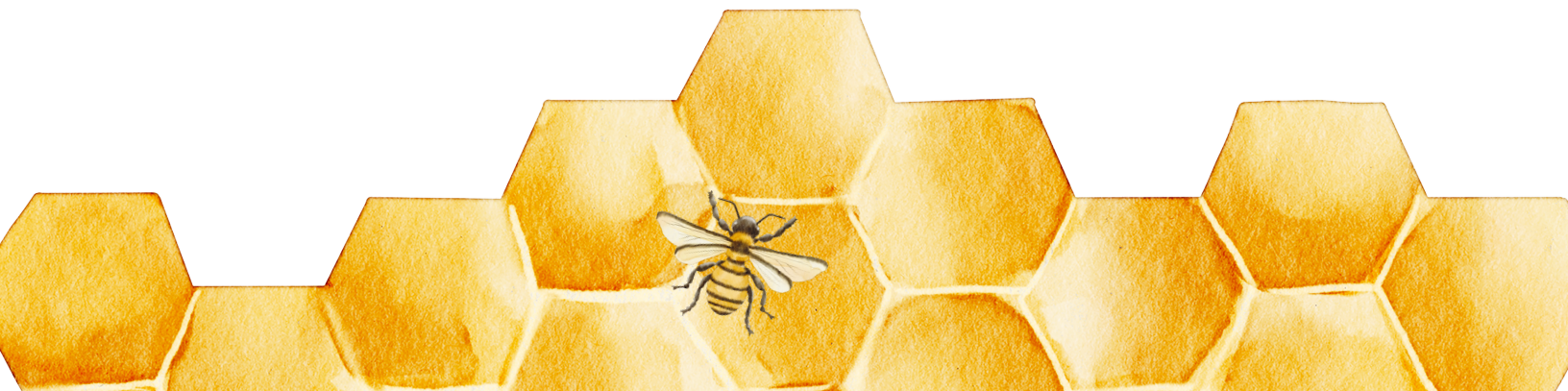
- Are the bees agitated or aggressive?
- Determine if smoking is indicated
- Burr comb build up on the inner cover?
- Is the Queen Visible on the inner cover?
- Scrape and clean cover if needed. Save the wax!

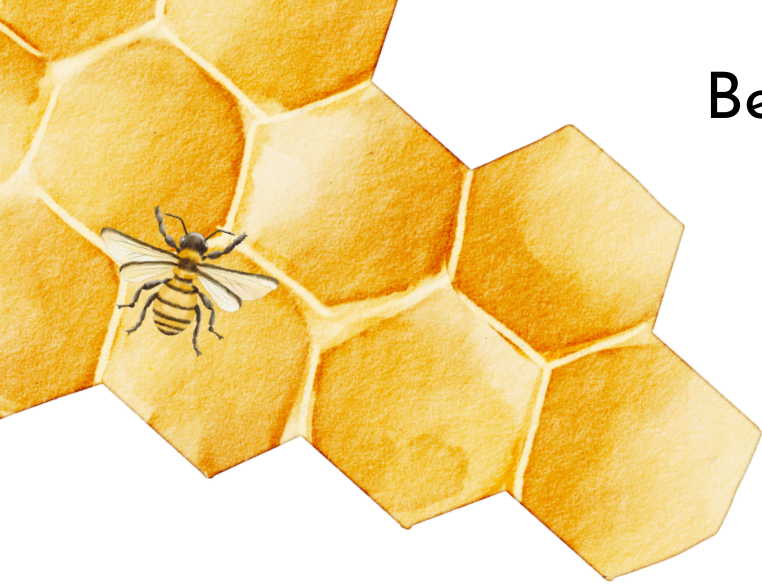




Physical Inspection of the Frames

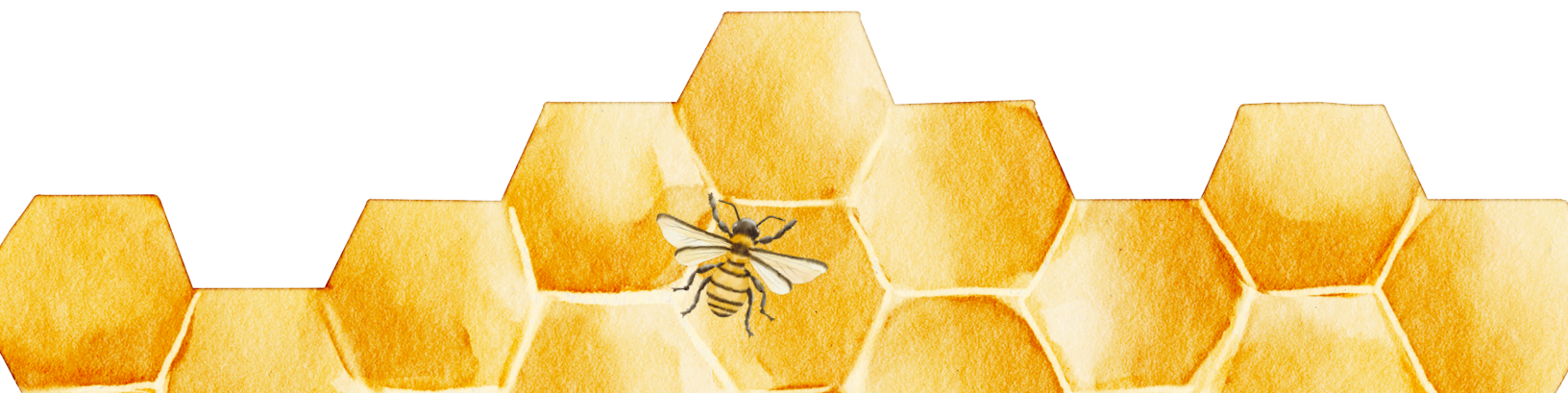
- Remove a side frame look for Queen or brood place to the side
- Inspect each frame for:
 - Presence of eggs / larva
 - Presence and pattern of Brood
 - Look for queen cells or swarm cells
- Do you see the queen?

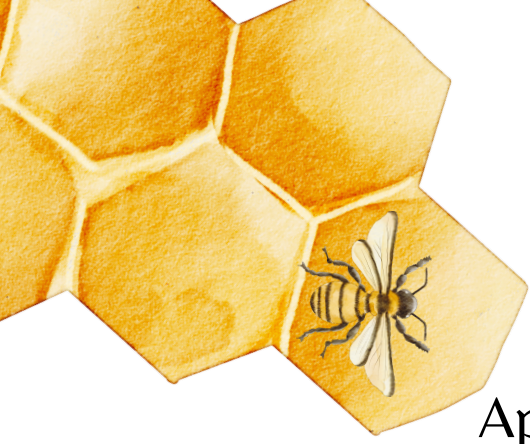




Orientation of the Frames

- The bees are accustomed to the orientation and order of the frames, placing the frames back in the order they are removed is important.
- Brood frames should always be clustered together, this helps maintain the warmth needed for the growing bees
- The outer most frames are often the last frames to be used, if the bees are using those frames they may be ready for more space.





Resources

Apiary registration Washington:

<https://cms.agr.wa.gov/WSDAKentico/Documents/Forms/6116-Beekeeper-BrokerRegistration.pdf>

[Klickitat County Beekeepers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/547629807532223)

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Bee Supplies

"As an Amazon Associate I earn from qualifying purchases."

<https://www.amazon.com/shop/goldendalereindeer>

<https://doublerhoneyfarms.com/>

<https://www.mannlakeltd.com/>

Washington State Beekeepers Association

<https://wasba.org/>

<https://www.gorgebeekeepers.org/>



Klickitat County Beekeeping Log

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Date of hive inspection: _____

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Langstroth

Flow Hive

Extra deep Brood Box

8 / 10 frame

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Swarm Cells: Yes No

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Amount harvested: _____

Hive population: Number of frames with bees: _____

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Hive manipulations:

Added supers Removed supers Replaced frames Moved hive Split hive

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Feeding: Sugar syrup 1:12:1 Pollen patties Other: _____

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Hive body Frames Inner cover Outer cover Bottom board

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