

“No-Cook Bee Candy”

10 lbs sugar
1 cup water
1 teaspoon white vinegar

Mix the vinegar and water, then add sugar. Stir thoroughly, resisting the temptation to add more water. It will initially be a crumbly mass.

Prepare a feeding shim - same overall dimensions as a hive, or nuc, just not as deep, (1 ½” – 2” or so). Cut a piece of ¼” luan or masonite to fit *loosely inside* (can be an inch or so smaller). *Refer to diagram following*

Bend the edges of a piece of ½” hardware cloth to fit inside the shim, rest it on top of the luan sheet and staple the sides to the inside of the shim. Cover with a sheet of lightweight wax paper, or the tissue which separates wax foundation is ideal.

Pour mixture on top of the paper, packing firmly. You can also imbed a slab of pollen supplement within. If using on a nuc, make sure sugar slab is at least 2” thick. Let set overnight.

When the mixture sets up, *remove the luan sheet*, (its purpose was to support the wet mix and to allow space for the bees to rise to the bottom surface of the sugar.) Place the box on top body so it is directly over the cluster frames, immediately over the brood nest. Place inner cover and telescoping cover over the shim.

