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**Beekeepers
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June 2015

President's Corner

From the Hive Stand

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A special 'Thank You' to **Lisa Reynes**, Ag & Consumer Protection Specialist, from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services who has been in the area inspecting our hives.

Lisa takes great pride in her work and is concerned that we have healthy and productive hives. She recommends we develop an Integrated Pest Management System.

Events of Interest to Beekeepers

Volusia County Beekeepers Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Volusia County Fair Grounds
6:30 pm to 8:00pm

Volusia County Beekeepers Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, July 22, 2015
Volusia County Fair Grounds
6:30 pm to 8:00pm



Hive Activity

June:

Super as necessary for late flowers.
Mangrove, red bay & cabbage palm should be blooming now

Varroa population begins to grow, monitor colonies closely. The economic threshold is 60+ mites per day on a sticky screen or 17+ mites on an ether roll for a colony of average strength. Treat if you exceed these numbers. Options include: apigrd, apilipeVAR, MiteawayII

July:

Remove and process honey—main flow stops. Continue Varroa treatments

For additional information on hive activities:

Florida Management Beekeeper Calendar – Central Florida

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“The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist For man it is to know that and to wonder at it. Jacques Yves Cousteau

Florida Management Beekeeper Calendar – Central Florida

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Month	Management Calendar	Blooming Plants
January	1- Feed colonies if light (colonies can starve!) 2- Nosema can be a significant colony problem this time of year. You can treat colonies for Nosema disease using Fumigillin. Colonies may need as much as 4 gallons of medicated syrup to control <i>Nosema ceranae</i> . 3- Repair/paint old equipment	Sand Pine ^F , Maple ^F , Willow ^{FM} ^F continues to bloom in February ^{FM} continues to bloom in February and March
February	1- Feed colonies if light (colonies can starve!) 2- Can treat colonies for Nosema disease using Fumigillin. 3- Can treat with Terramycin or Tylan for AFB.	Plum ^M , Cherry ^M , Oak ^M , Walther Viburnum ^M , Sweet Clover ^M , Blueberry ^M , Haw ^M , Fetterbush ^M ^M continues to bloom in March
March Note: Citrus blooms in March. Make sure your colonies are ready. Talk with your growers about their pesticide habits.	1- Attend UF Bee College in Marineland March 8 & 9!!! 2- Colony Populations begin to grow! Add supers and/or control swarming as necessary. 3- Can treat with Terramycin or Tylan <i>dust</i> for AFB/EFB. 4- Make nucs/splits.	Orange, Spanish Needle
April	1- Disease and queen problems should be remedied. 2- Make splits/nucs – new queens available 3- Control swarming 4- Add supers, the nectar flow began in late March	Orange, Sweet clover, Wild Blueberry, Haw, Fetterbush ^M , Spanish Needle ^{MJ} , Galberry ^M , Dog Hobble ^{MJ} , Palmetto ^{MJ} , Mexican Clover ^{MJ} , Butter Mint ^{MJ} ^M continues to bloom in May ^J continues to bloom in June ^{MJ} continues to bloom in May and June
May	1- Continue to inspect for colony maladies but don't treat for diseases while producing honey 2- Continue swarm control 3- Super as necessary	Palm ^J , Gopher Apple ^J , Joint Weed ^J , Sandhill Prairie Clover ^J , Spiderwort/Dayflower ^J ^J continues to bloom in June



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June	1- Super as necessary for late flowers 2- Varroa populations begin to grow – monitor colonies closely. The economic threshold is 60+ mites/day on a sticky screen or 17+ mites in an ether roll. Treat if you exceed these numbers.	Mangrove, Red Bay, Cabbage Palm
July	1- Remove and process honey – main flow stops 2- Varroa populations begin to grow – monitor colonies closely. The economic threshold is 60+ mite/day on a sticky screen or 17+ mites in an ether roll for a colony of average strength. Treat if you exceed these numbers. Option include: Apigard, ApilifeVAR, Mite Away II.	Spanish Needle ^{AS} , Palmetto, Mexican Clover ^{AS} , Buttermint, Palm, Gopher Apple, Joint Weed ^A , Redbay ^{AS} , Sandhill Prairie Clover ^A , Partridge Pea ^A , Mangrove ^A , Primrose Willow ^{AS} , Spiderwort/Dayflower ^{AS} ^A continues to bloom in August ^{AS} continues to bloom in September
August	1- Monitor colonies for varroa (see July)! 2- Treat with Terramycin dust for AFB/EFB 3- Feed colonies if light 4-Monitor for and control small hive beetles 5- It's hot! Ensure adequate colony ventilation	Spotted Mint ^S , Goldenrod ^S , Vine Aster ^S , Sumac ^S ^S continues to bloom in September
September	1- Monitor colonies for varroa (see July)! 2- Super colonies if strong B. Pepper flow 3- Consider treating colonies for Nosema disease using Fumidil-B. Colonies may need as much as 4 gallons of medicated syrup to control <i>Nosema cerana</i> . 5- If no nectar flow, feed colonies if light	Smart Weed, Brazilian Pepper, Bush Aster Note: Brazilian Pepper blooms from September through October and is a significant fall source of nectar for bees.
October – December	1- Varroa populations peaked in Aug/Sept. The economic threshold is 60+ mites/day on a sticky board or 17+ mites in an ether roll for a colony of average strength . Treat if you exceed these numbers. Options include: Apiguard, ApilifeVAR, Mite Away II 2- Can treat colonies for Nosema disease using Fumigillin. Colonies may need as much as 4 gallons of medicated syrup to control <i>Nosema cerana</i> . 3-Monitor for and control small hive beetles (options include Checkmite+, GuardStar, Hood traps and West Beetle traps) 4- Feed colonies if light (colonies can starve!) 5-Can treat for tracheal mites (mix vegetable oil and powdered sugar until doughy (not sticky to touch): place a pancake-sized patty on top bars of brood chamber.	Oct: Spanish Needle, Mexican Clover ^N , Primrose Willow ^N , Spotted Mint ^N , Goldenrod ^M , Vine Aster ^N , Smart Weed ^N , Bush Aster ND ^N continues to bloom in November ^D continues to bloom in December Nov: Nothing new blooms Dec: Nothing new blooms



Beekeepers of Volusia County

June Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

6:30 PM

Volusia County Ag Center

July Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

6:30 PM

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Check Out Our Website

www.beekeepersofvolusiacountyfl.com

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Beekeepers of Volusia County, Florida

Meeting Agenda June 24, 2015

Call to order and welcome:
Mike Hays, President

Welcome New Members

Approve May 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes
No Minutes available

Treasurers Report—Ron Kull

2015 Membership Dues—Please Pay

Old Business
New PA System—Tim

New Business

1. Tools & Hive Boxes—Larry
2. Bee Club Inventory—Mike Hays
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Refreshments & Social Interaction

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Dismiss and Close

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Honey Bee Queen Breeders Map—Google Maps

Beekeepers of Volusia County, Florida

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Date

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address: Important - Much business is done by electronic mail

1. Regular Membership (includes family members) \$15.00 []

2. Lifetime membership—\$250.00

3. Total Amount paid \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Beekeepers of Volusia County, Florida

Bring to meeting or mail to:

**Ron Kull, Treasurer, 2525 Palm Dr.
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