

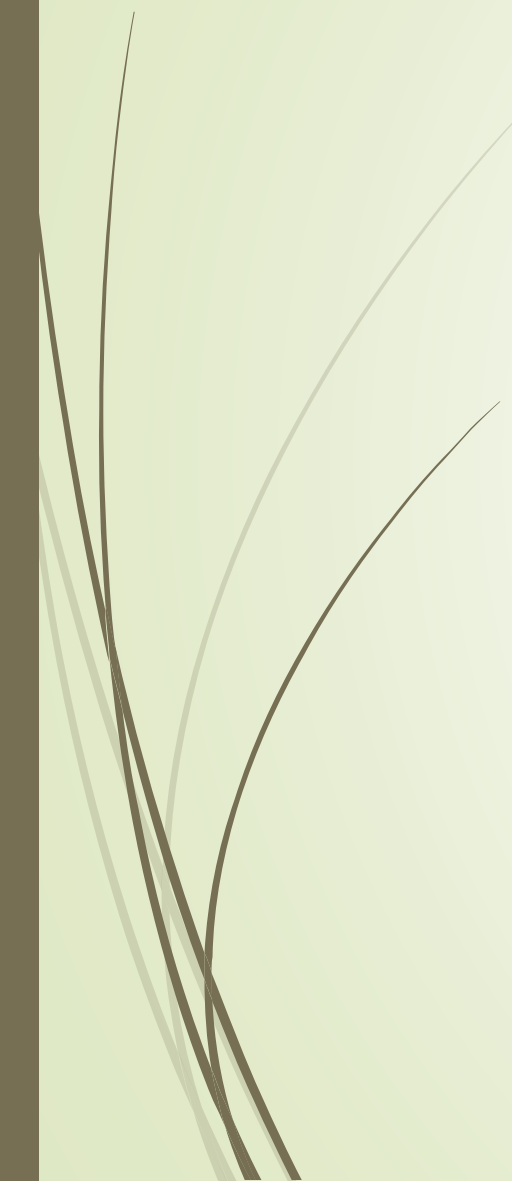


How to keep your bees healthy in the winter.

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The three basic needs

- 1. Keep your bees dry, and out of the wind.
 - 2. Keep your bees disease free.
 - 3. Keep your bees well fed.
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Keep your bees dry, and out of the wind.

The bee shed



In the bee barn



Moisture control

Use a moisture box or a moisture board.

Wrap boxes in tar paper.

Airflow in the box like a chimney.





Keep your bees disease free.

➡ Treat for mites.



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Nosema

Maybe use probiotics or vitamins as Fumagilin-B is no longer available.
Keep your hives dry and stress free.



Foulbrood



Keep your hives fed

- So how much should a hive weigh going into winter?
- How much honey does a hive eat in a winter? When do they eat it?
- Do they just need carbohydrates?
- Do they need some protein too? Winter patties have a little protein.
- Remember to calculate total sugar wt. back to proper water contents.

