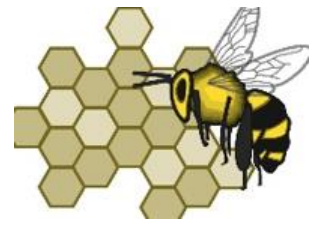


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GAP Information

We are currently working on our 2022 GAP book. This year, any club that submits a GAP book meeting the minimum point thresholds in all categories will receive \$300 from the NCSBA. We are working towards this goal and need YOUR assistance. Please volunteer for Community Outreach opportunities to earn the club points. If you participated in a community outreach or gave presentations this year, please submit the details to Tiffany.

Text @ (252) 325-4367

Do You Know?

Q. What is it called when a bee is born?

A. Eclose

Q. A Queen Bee is fed royal jelly, what are worker bees fed?

A. Worker Jelly

BoCC Honey House Progress



In December of 2021, we moved the BoCC Apiary to 221 Brayhall Road in Edenton, on the property of member Marvin Hare. We have been making great strides since then and currently have five viable hives going into Fall 2022. On site, A Honey House building endeavor has begun for storage of the clubs bee equipment. The construction progress is coming along! We started the project on Saturday, July 23, 2022, and have worked six Saturday's since then. After many hours of hot sun and sweat, the dedicated BoCC members have the honey house almost fully enclosed. It features an arched-light door, 3'x6' window, solar exhaust fan and 4'x8' covered porch. The interior is outfitted with some great finds from Habitat including vintage cabinets and work bench. We are extremely grateful for the wonderful donations of building materials and time we have received from members. There is still work to do including soffit installation and staining the exterior, so please come if you find yourself with a little time to donate.

Next Work Day - Saturday, September 10 @ 7:30am

CONGRATULATIONS

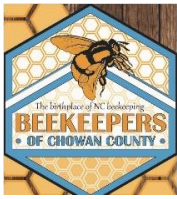
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Master Beekeeper

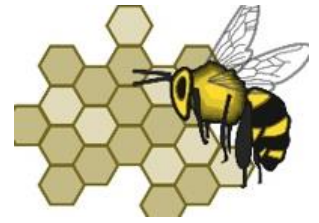
Recognition from the NSBCA on August 25th
@ the Summer Conference in Hickory!





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What should I be doing to my hives this month?

If you extracted honey last month and there isn't enough for the bees, you can feed them heavy sugar syrup. Here is a recipe from Kamon Reynolds from Tennessee's Bees: 20C of sugar, 15C of water, 2.5t of cream of tartar, 3 fluid oz. of lemon juice concentrate, 1/8t of salt. Cook on medium-low till it reaches 230 degrees on a candy thermometer. Use a thick bottomed pot, so as not to scorch your mixture. Do not overcook and be patient!

Be sure to treat pests and monitor hive health before temperatures drop significantly. Specifically, varroa mites naturally peak in colonies right when colonies are rearing their winter bees. So if you want your bees to be healthy enough to make it through the winter, you need a low varroa mite population in July, August and September.

Upcoming BoCC Meetings



1st Thursday of the Month

All meetings are held at:

NC Cooperative Extension – Chowan County Center

Doors open at 6:30pm, Meeting starts 7:00pm

October 6th

NCSBA Master Craftsman Beekeeper Eric Talley

Influence of Brood Pheromone on Honey Bee Colony Establishment
& Queen Replacement

November 3rd

Patrick N. Farquhar NCSBA Pesticide Section
Pesticide & Aerial Spraying

**This meeting will be held at the Rocky Hock Ruritan Building
126 Evans Bass Road, Rocky Hock

December 1st

No meeting

December 3rd

Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange
Hostess: Susan Webber
127 Pelican Court
Edenton, NC

Community Outreach

Chowan County Fair

September 27 – October 1, 2022
BoCC is collaborating with BOA on a beekeeping/ honey booth. Members from both clubs will be staffing the table to educate visitors on keeping bees, answer questions, sell club honey and encourage people to join us in the passion of beekeeping. An observation hive will be available for viewing. Please contact Elizabeth @ (252)333-6965 or Etienne @ nadeaufarmsnc@gmail.com.

Fair admission is FREE for beekeepers working the information booth.

Edenton Farmers Market

October 15, 2022

Set-up @ 7am

Market open 8-12noon

This community outreach event will let people know that our club is active and exciting. Our topic for this event is the Health Benefits of Honey. We will be promoting Bee School – February 2023. Volunteers are needed, so please contact Elizabeth @ (252) 333-6965 to sign up to participate.

Belvidere Day

October 22, 2022

We would love to set up a booth at this fair to educate the public about bees needs and to let people know all about our club. If you have interest in volunteering for this event, please contact Elizabeth @ (252) 333-6965. It is a great event to earn GAP points for our club! Please help.