

To Do List For June

- **Manage Honey Supers:**

As summer nectar sources (such as clover and basswood) bloom, colonies experience a major honey flow. Add honey supers early and often to prevent the brood nest from becoming clogged with nectar, which restricts the queen's laying space.

- **Swarm Prevention:**

Overcrowding peaks in June. Routinely inspect frames for swarm cells (queen cells at the bottom of frames). Relieve congestion by splitting strong colonies or removing frames of brood and bees to create nucleus colonies

- **Monitor Mite Levels:**

As bee populations peak, so do Varroa mites. Perform an alcohol wash or sugar roll to gauge infestation rates and apply appropriate treatments if levels cross your local association's action threshold.

- **Evaluate Queen Vigor:**

Verify that the queen is present and laying a strong, consistent pattern. If a colony is struggling or queenless, introduce a new mated queen or combine it with a stronger nucleus colony.

Indiana-Specific Resources

- **Club Related:** Wanamaker Street Fair June 28th,

State Fair TBol Booth August 12th

Bug Fest August 30th

- **Connect:** Go on Facebook at look for other local club's open apiary dates and talks

- **Indiana:** Register for Purdue Field Day June 13th,

EAS Conference July 26-31st

