

Beezette

September 2019



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
123 East Street, Lebanon, OH 45036
<https://warren.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyBeekeepersAssociation>

NEXT MEETING

One more week until our annual swap meet picnic at Armco Park, 1223 N. State Rt 741, Lebanon! Hope to see you next Sunday September 8th at noon in shelter #9. Our regular meeting will resume on October 13th with a presentation on preparing for winter.

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Would you sign up to bring refreshments for the October or November meeting? Sign up is easy on the website under the "Members" tab (https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/meetingtask-signup/?sheet_id=4) or you can contact Anne Richardson or Mark Beasley via the website or our Facebook page for signups and ideas on what to bring. Thanks!

DID YOU KNOW?

- It takes on average 2 million flowers and 55,000 miles of travel for bees to make one pound of honey!
- Goldenrod has started to bloom which is a wonderful site for the beekeeper, and only a beekeeper can be thankful for the smell of its honey! Goldenrod and aster mark the last nectar flow of the year in our area.

WHAT TO DO DURING SEPTEMBER

- Queens will be laying their winter bees. If you haven't tested for varroa in the last month – and treated if needed – do so as soon as possible to give the winter bees a healthy start! The OSBA threshold limit for September is 1% (3 mites per 300 bees which is about 1/2 cup of bees). Treatment options are found at <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa>.
- Small hive beetles are looking for a place to reproduce, yellow jackets are happy to rob a honey bee colony, and wax moths are happy to move into a weak colony. Protect your hives as best as possible and trap, trap, trap!
- Make sure the queen has room to lay. The eggs she lays now will be the workers who will carry the colony through until spring. The drones, if not already, will be kicked out of the hive.
- Evaluate your colonies. Do a full inspection, looking at the overall health, brood patterns, food stores, and strength. Combine weak colonies that are disease free with stronger colonies. Remove queen excluders and empty supers.

MEMBERSHIP

If you or someone you know would like to join our club, please do so via the online registration form <https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/join-us-2/>. We are in the process of setting up a way to pay online, but for now, please register online and then pay at the meeting. Dues are \$20/individual and \$25/family per calendar year.

Do you have an announcement you want to include in the Beezette or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Let us know! Contact Alice Craig at warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

