

# Beezette

October 2020

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

<https://warren.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1769801953287281/>

## NEXT MEETING

The October meeting will be held outdoors at Caesars Creek Pioneer Village on Sunday, October 11. Geoff Hultgren will be leading a discussion on over wintering your hives and hopes to open the hive there. Bring a chair and your veil. If the weather is too cold or rainy, watch for an email.

Things to think about as we move into cooler weather:

- How heavy are your hives? The hive should weigh at least 60 lbs. Feed if you need to (2 sugar/1 water). You can also start thinking about making sugar boards for supplemental feeding over the winter. I try to have those on the hives by Thanksgiving.
- Do you still have supers on that you are not planning to leave on all winter? Remove and extract or freeze them and be sure to remove the queen excluders. It would be bad news if the bees moved above the excluder and left the queen below.
- Time to put on entrance reducers to keep the mice out!
- Do you still have mite treatment remains in the hive? Time to get that out.
- Some people close off the screen bottom board for the winter. (I never have.)
- Store your empty frames in a well-ventilated area with paradichlorobenzene/moth crystals. I usually put some crystals in an envelope and put it on top of 4 hive bodies/supers. Then I cover it with a hive lid. Do not put your equipment in plastic bags – wax moth larvae love that!
- Bees give off a lot of moisture over the winter. Consider making a moisture board for each hive.
- Make a list of equipment repairs and replacements to work on over the winter.

*List was made with help from*

- <https://www.dadant.com/tips-for-october/>
- [https://www.indianahoney.org/uncategorized/beekeeping-tips-for-october/?fbclid=IwAR1l8DuoiluAGYd8UYEy\\_uzMtU144yeO-ZUacuLmcHt0d2SThIFmQm8FPCo](https://www.indianahoney.org/uncategorized/beekeeping-tips-for-october/?fbclid=IwAR1l8DuoiluAGYd8UYEy_uzMtU144yeO-ZUacuLmcHt0d2SThIFmQm8FPCo)