

IEBA Beeyard 2009 Plans

Purpose

- Provide beekeeper field training
- Provide mating yard for IEBA members
 - Active members who assist in keeping up yard
 - Member brings nucs ready for queen cell
 - IEBA provide queen cells and drone supply
 - Selected queens from WSU for queen mothers

Field Day 1

- When: Afternoon of April 18, 2009
- Where: WSU Extension Office on Havana
- What: Demonstration on Hiving a Package
- Who should attend? Beginning beekeepers or those interested in how to hive a package of bees

Field Day 2

- When: April 25 11 AM
- Where: IEBA Field Yard, Prufer Crosscut Rd
- What: Beginner training for the following:
 - How to open and inspect colonies
 - How to find a queen
 - Identifying colony food status
 - Feeding Colony sugar syrup and pollen substitute
 - Evaluating Queen function and colony strength
 - Colony package evaluations
- Who should attend? All beginning beekeepers. Training will be lead by experience beekeepers.

Field Day 3

- When: May 2 11 AM
- Where: IEBA Field Yard, Pruffer Crosscut Rd
- What: Hive manipulations
 - Learn how to evaluate and equalize strength of colonies
 - Learn how to find queens and introduce new ones
 - Perform swarm control measures
 - Demonstrate how to make splits and nucs
 - Demonstration how to set up a double queen hive
- Who should attend? All beginners and intermediate skill levels. Experienced beekeepers will lead small groups

Field Day 4

- When: May 16 11 AM
- Where: IEBA Field Yard, Prufer Crosscut Rd
- What: Hive Manipulations
 - Evaluating performance of nucs and splits
 - Swarm control measures
 - Queen performance evaluations, replace poor queens
 - Strengthening weak hives, equalizing hives
 - Evaluation of whether to feed or not
- Who should attend? All beginners and intermediate skill levels. Experienced beekeepers will lead small groups

Field Day 5

- When: June 13 11AM
- Where: IEBA Field Yard, Prufer Crosscut Rd
- What: Supering, Swarm Control and Queen Rearing
 - Putting supers on colonies
 - What to do with colonies ready to swarm
 - Use of swarm board
 - Grafting cells for queen cells
 - Demonstration of small scale queen rearing
- Who should attend? All beginners and intermediate skill levels. Experienced beekeepers will lead small groups

Field Day 5a

- When: June 9 6:00 PM
- Where: IEBA Field Yard, Pruger Crosscut Rd
- What: Learn how to set up swarm box for rearing large number of queen cells.
- Who: All who are interested.

Work Days

- Spring cleanup April 18 with Field Day 1
- Feeding: Several days in May TBA
- Putting cells into nucs: June 22 6 PM
- Honey super checks: June 20, 27 11 AM
- Pull honey: August 1
- Powder sugar treatment: August 7
- Feed sugar: September

Field Day 7

- When: September 12
- Where: IEBA Field Yard, Prufer Crosscut Rd
- What: Preparations for Wintering
 - Selection of colonies to be wintered
 - Combining those not to be wintered
 - Preparation of colonies
 - Final feeding
- Who should attend: All beginners and intermediate skill levels. Experienced beekeepers will lead small groups

Field Day 6

- When: August 8
- Where: IEBA Field Yard, Prufer Crosscut Rd
- What: Mite Check and Treatment
 - Learn how to determine varroa mite infestation levels with various techniques
 - Demonstration on how to treat using commercial materials
 - Evaluate colonies to treat, treat colonies
 - Evaluate queen performance
- Who should attend? Everyone interested in learning how to evaluate and treat for varroa mites