



Catch The Buzz



Memphis Area Beekeepers Association www.memphisbeekeepers.com
4852 Waycross Ave, Millington, TN 38053
Meeting Location: 7777 Walnut Grove Rd # C, Memphis, TN 38120

MEETING DATE & TIME: September 10, 2018 – MABA September 2018 Meeting – Mike Studer, Tennessee State Apiarist, will present the state of beekeeping in TN and how to keep our bees healthy and thriving. You will want to attend this meeting! See y'all there!

*****We will meet in the AMPHITHEATER, using the upstairs east entrance, the same one for Early Voting, Due to Delta Fair Move-out ******

It's National Honey Month! Is it time to harvest your honey but other projects got in the way? If you need an extractor please contact **Bob Haskett, email: RHas4852@aol.com**, phone: 901-872-0074

Things to do in the hive in September: The bees are busy gathering available nectar from Goldenrod and Asters, and other fall-flowering plants. This is their final opportunity to gather stores before the fall frosts. The queen begins to lay the eggs that will be the workers to carry them through to the next spring, and is likely in the bottom brood chamber.

SEPTEMBER AND THE BEEKEEPER

- September is a continuation of the hive management actions started in August.
- This is the last month of nearly uninterrupted flight opportunity for your hives.
- This is the time to conduct a thorough inspection before the start of the fall cool temperatures.
- What you do here will influence the success or failure of your colonies for the coming winter.
- **Estimate colony strength: Combine disease-free, weak colonies with stronger ones.**
- Evaluate queen: Make sure the queen is present. If you do not find her, be sure that you see eggs.
- Check several brood combs for brood quality, which is an indicator of queen quality. A good queen will lay a solid brood pattern with few skips. The fewer the skips, the better the queen. All of the combs need not be good, but most of them should have solid patterns
- **Take off all your supers.** There is no need for them now, and you will want to tighten up the hive by removing excess supers.
- **Weigh your hives.** This is guesswork unless you invest in a hive scale. Find something around the house that weighs around 70 pounds. Lift it up slightly with one hand. This will give you an idea what 70 pounds feels like. Now, go to your hives and with one hand, slightly lift the back. Only lift it an inch or two so that you can sense how heavy it feels. It needs to feel around 70 pounds. If not, you will want to start feeding the hive 2:1 sugar water.
- **Check to see if the colony honey bound.** Raise problem combs and other full combs of honey to the upper brood chamber. Never raise eggs or young larvae above the excluder as the bees may rear a queen. Combine disease-free, weak colonies with stronger ones. Install entrance reducers and mouse guards late in the month of September.



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8/24/2018 National Honey Board Report: <https://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ams/FVMHONEY.pdf>

TENNESSEE: No report issued.

ARKANSAS: No report issued.

MISSISSIPPI: Beekeepers have been busy keeping an eye on the hives and are treating for mites and managing to stay in control and keep the bees in top condition. Plenty of wildflowers available and the honey pulled earlier is a nice light amber with about 18.5% moisture. Prices remain steady and demand is strong. \$1.96-2.10 per pound.

BEEKEEPING READING LIST

LOCAL BEEKEEPING CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARE KEY TO MAKING THE MITE-A-THON A SUCCESS!

[https://www.beekeeping.com/catch-the-buzz-local-beekeeping-clubs-and-associations-are-key-to-making-the-mite-a-thon-a-success/?utm_source=Catch+The+Buzz&utm_campaign=881e4d847f-](https://www.beekeeping.com/catch-the-buzz-local-beekeeping-clubs-and-associations-are-key-to-making-the-mite-a-thon-a-success/?utm_source=Catch+The+Buzz&utm_campaign=881e4d847f-Catch+The+Buzz+4+29+2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0272f190ab-881e4d847f-332116753)

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August 29, 2018 - The Mite-A-Thon Partners

GET READY FOR THE MITE-A-THON! September 8 to 15, 2018

SPREAD THE WORD – Local beekeeping clubs and associations are key to making the Mite-A-Thon a success!

The Mite-A-Thon is a tri-national effort to collect mite infestation data and to visualize *Varroa* infestations in honey bee colonies across North America within a one-week window. All beekeepers can participate, creating a rich distribution of sampling sites in Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

OBJECTIVE: 1) To raise awareness about honey bee colony *Varroa* infestations in North America through effective monitoring methods. 2) Management strategies will be made available for discussion within bee organizations utilizing Mite-A-Thon partner developed information and outreach materials.

PARTICIPANTS: All beekeepers in North America are encouraged to participate.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- Encourage your members to participate in September, through meetings, newsletters, emails, social media etc.
- Teach new beekeepers how to monitor for mites in August.
- Help your members prepare their monitoring materials.



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- Support your members in making sure they are able to monitor mites effectively and report their data.

DATA COLLECTION: *Varroa* monitoring data will be uploaded to www.mitecheck.com.

CONTACT: miteathon@pollinator.org or 415 362-1137

Get resources and stay up to date at www.pollinator.org/miteathon!

Thank you,

The Mite-A-Thon Partners

Read or heard of good, science-based beekeeping articles? Please let us know, we will get them into the MABA newsletter.

UNIT HONEY PRICES BY MONTH

Retail-Average Retail Price per Pound across all reporting regions - Data from <https://www.honey.com/honey-industry/statistics/retail-honey-price> used with permission. Based upon average price across all reporting regions. Assumes various sizes sold at the same rate.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2018	\$7.57	\$7.22	\$7.34	\$7.28	\$7.03	\$7.23	\$7.37	\$7.41				
2017	\$7.35	\$6.99	\$6.85	\$7.04	\$7.06	\$7.25	\$7.05	\$7.26	\$7.27	\$7.37	\$7.18	\$7.25
2016	\$6.74	\$6.91	\$6.79	\$6.79	\$6.72	\$7.12	\$7.01	\$6.88	\$6.88	\$7.12	\$7.04	\$7.39

Average Wholesale Case Price Per Pound across All Reporting Regions. Data from <https://www.honey.com/honey-industry/statistics/wholesale-honey-price> used with permission. Based upon average price across all reporting regions. Assumes various sizes sold at the same rate.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2018	\$5.30	\$5.18	\$5.22	\$5.31	\$5.21	\$5.31	\$5.12	\$5.42				
2017	\$5.25	\$5.32	\$5.38	\$5.27	\$5.13	\$5.46	\$5.39	\$5.35	\$5.44	\$5.27	\$5.19	\$5.31
2016	\$5.04	\$5.15	\$5.04	\$5.20	\$4.97	\$5.19	\$5.09	\$5.01	\$5.10	\$5.31	\$5.27	\$5.39

To subscribe to the National Honey board newsletter visit: <https://www.honey.com/signup>



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8-9, 2018 – [The Germantown Festival – Honey Sales!](#)

October 12-14, 2018 – [The Pink Palace Crafts Fair](#)

Think about Volunteering to teach and sell honey at the upcoming festivals in September and October. We'll need help unloading, selling, demonstrating, and teaching the public about beekeeping, we hope to see you there!

Contact Bob Whitworth if you would like to sign up to volunteer, bgw92143@hotmail.com or 901-569-3560.

September 10, 2018 – [MABA September 2018 Meeting](#) – Mike Studer, Tennessee State Apiarist, will present the state of beekeeping in TN and how to keep our bees healthy and thriving. You will want to attend this meeting!

September 11, 2018, 4PM – 10PM – TN Apiary Inspector Course – Mike Studer, Tennessee State Apiarist, will teach willing beekeepers the material necessary to take and pass the TN Apiary Inspector test, which will grant those individuals with the legal ability to inspect bee colonies and equipment for sale or transport within the state of Tennessee. Get ready for 6 hours of intense learning!

September 22, 2018, 8AM – 4PM – [Second Annual Fall Beekeeping Conference at the Agricenter in Memphis, TN](#)

Welcome back for the Second Annual Fall Beekeeping Conference at the Agricenter! We are pleased to have excellent speakers that will discuss their successes (and failures), for practical use in our apiaries. This is an all-day meeting, with many sessions, the agenda is forthcoming with the specific topics to be covered. This meeting will be helpful whether you are a seasoned beekeeper or don't have a hive yet.

Please print out the registration form, fill it out, and bring it with you, along with your \$20 registration fee to the September 22, 2018 Second Annual Fall Beekeeping Conference at the Agricenter in Memphis, TN.

The scheduled speakers are:

1) [Jennifer Berry](#) - Apicultural Research Professional and Lab Manager for the University of Georgia Honey Bee Program. Her research objectives have focused on improving honey bee health, the sub-lethal effects of pesticides on beneficial insects and IPM techniques for varroa and small hive beetle control.

Topics: 1) Back to the Basics on Keeping Bees Alive, 2) Fighting for Our Bees

2) Dr. Leo Sharashkin - known for his natural beekeeping methods and use of [horizontal hives](#) (Layens and long Langstroths), along with innovative swarm trapping. His presentations will have many talking about colony health. **Topics: 1) Natural Beekeeping that Works, 2) \$20/lb Honey – Crafting & Marketing**



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3) Charlie Parton - [Parton Apiaries](#) began 36 years ago in Maryville Tennessee with two hives, and has grown to an operation which runs 80 plus colonies. He is immediate past President for Tennessee Beekeepers Association (TBA) and past East TN Regional Vice President. Charlie was selected as TBA's Beekeeper of the year in 2011 and the TBA Life Member in 2013. He is active in the Blount County Beekeepers Association serving in several capacities including two terms as president.

Topics: 1) Building a TDA (TN Dept. of Agriculture) Approved Honey House, 2) Making Nucs – Why and How

See y'all there!

October 12-13, 2018 - The **2018 Tennessee Beekeepers Association Fall Conference** will be held at the [Hyder Burks Pavilion at Tennessee Tech](#) in Cookeville. More details coming, but plan for a couple of fun- and fact-filled days!

To learn more about beekeeping in Tennessee visit the Tennessee Beekeepers Association website at: <http://www.tnbeekeepers.org/>

Need containers? If you need glass jars or plastic honey bears please contact Robert Hodum, 901-603-6492.

SEE YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER MABA MEETING, VISIT WITH YOUR MENTOR.

It's hot out there, drink plenty of water when you are working your bees! Thankfully cooler weather is on the way, fall is 2 weeks away!



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HONEY-BASED RECIPES

1. HONEY LECHES FRENCH TOAST: Makes 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

For Honey Leches Mixture:

2 T - blueberry honey

1/4 cup - evaporated milk

1/4 cup - lite Thai coconut milk

3 - large eggs

1 tsp. - pure vanilla extract

1/2 tsp. - ground cinnamon

For Berry Garnish:

1/2 cup - fresh raspberries

1/2 cup - fresh blueberries

1/2 cup - fresh strawberries, sliced

For Hot Honey:

1/2 cup - blueberry honey

1/2 tsp. - cayenne pepper

For Pound Cake:

8 - small slices of pre-made pound cake

vegetable spray

DIRECTIONS

For Honey Leches Mixture: Place 2 T blueberry honey, evaporated milk, coconut milk, eggs, vanilla extract and cinnamon in a mixing bowl and whisk to evenly combine. Keep chilled.

For Berry Garnish: Place the raspberries, blueberries and strawberries in a mixing bowl and lightly toss to evenly combine. Keep chilled.

For Hot Honey: Place 1/2 cup blueberry honey in a small mixing bowl. Add cayenne and whisk to evenly combine. Keep warm, so the hot honey is very pourable.

Pre-heat an electric griddle to 375°F.

Prepare the pound cake. Arrange pound cake slices, side by side, flat, in a casserole dish or a pan with sides. Pour the honey leches mixture over and around the pound cake slices and soak for 1 minute.

Lightly coat the pre-heated electric griddle with vegetable spray. Remove pound cake slices from the honey leches mixture, allowing any liquid to drain off (discard any remaining liquid), then place each slice on the hot griddle.

Griddle the pound cake slices approximately 2 minutes on each side, to golden crispy and hot throughout.

To serve, place 2 griddled overlapping pound cake slices on a plate (4 plates total). Top each with approximately 1/4 cup of the mixed berries and then drizzle each with approximately 2 T of the warm hot honey.

Serve and enjoy!