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*Will Rogers!*

# Post Honey Flow Hive Management.





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**Availability of honey and pollen around brood area.**



**The queen produces more bees to provide a greater work force. She knows there is a honey flow on and she has a lot of room to use.**

**Splitting takes stress off the hive that is overcrowded after the removal of the honey supers.**

**You can make up for any hives you may have lost.**

**You may want to increase your bee yard.**

**Also it encourages her to lay more eggs to replace the brood you take away giving you fresher bees for the winter.**

**This would be an opportune time to split the hive.**



# Yard after Honey Supers were Removed.



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**Condition of your hives. Amount of bees.**

**Amount of brood.**

**How much to you want to expand your yard.**

# Queen Nursery





# Making a queen nursery

Find a good strong hive for your nursery.

Remove the queen and 3 frames of bees making a split into another hive body.

Remove the top and inner cover.

Place a queen excluder on top of the winter super.

Place the queen cages in a holder if you have one or place a piece of cardboard on top of the excluder large enough to keep the cages away from the hive queen. The nurse bees will come up top and service the queens in the cages. They will keep for a week or more. The sooner you use the queens the better.

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**Have all equipment in place.**

**If you get queens before your split date and make a nursery for them.**

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Put the inner cover and top back in place. The bees will come up and cover the frames. The next day remove the brood box and make a new hive with additional frames. Introduce the queen and wait 9 days and recheck to see if the queen was accepted.

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**Method 2:** Have your hive ready with frames minus 4.

Pull 2 full frames of brood add a frame of brood, eggs, larvae and bees being careful not to carryover the queen.

Add one frame of honey with bees always watching for the queen. Install in a new box.

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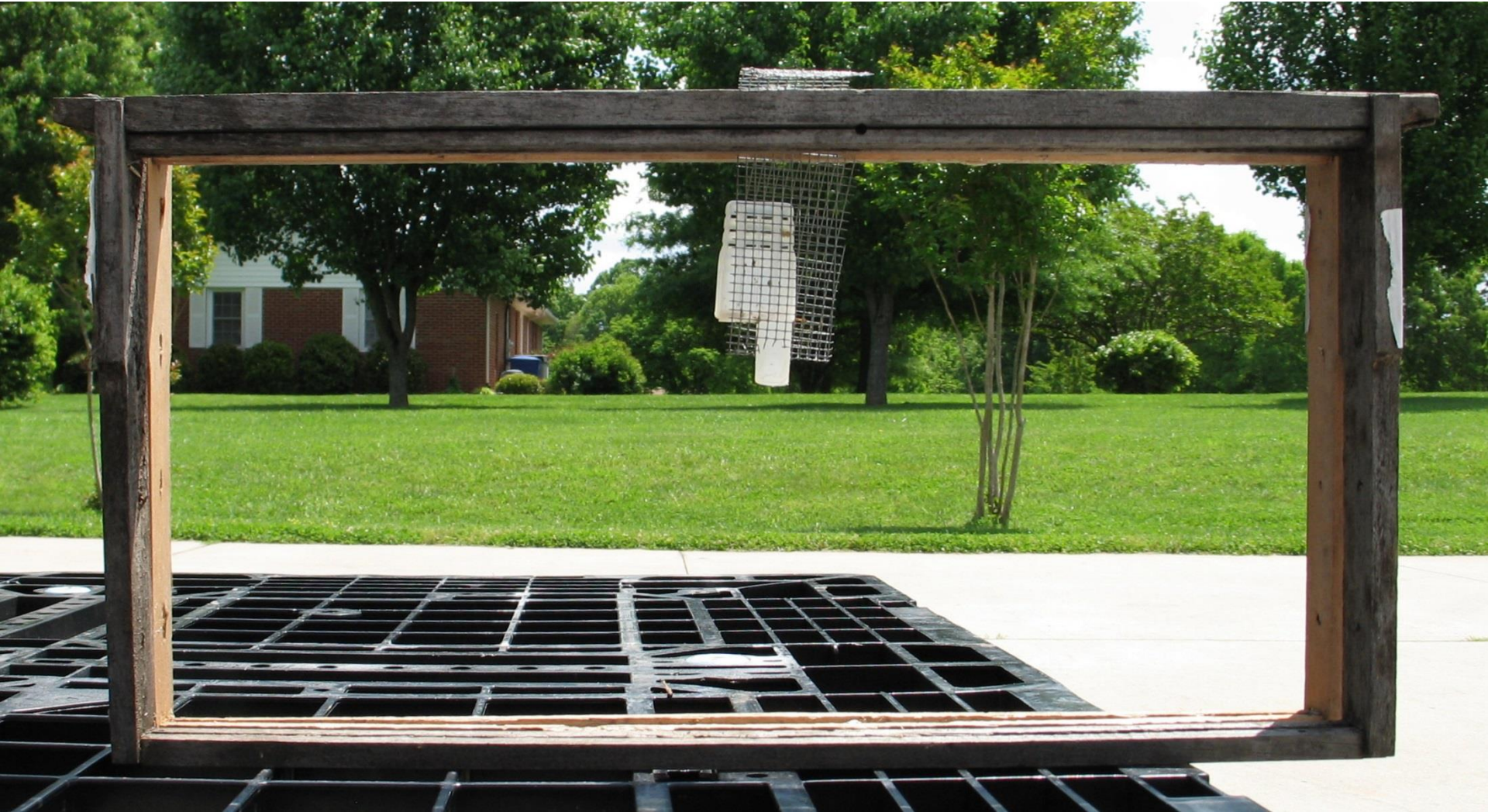
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# Queen Introduction Wire Saddle





Cut 4" slit in middle

Bag Feeding

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# Feeding

Post split Feeding should be done when using foundation which needs to be drawn out. This is also needed in the mother hive.

If you use drawn comb and there is no nectar available some light feeding can be done. You do not want them to become honey bound. Keep splits away from other hives to avoid robbing.

If you are not doing splits you may feed lightly and feed all hives to avoid robbing. Do not yard feed.



# Drizzle Method for Nosema





# Treatments

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**Thank you for the  
Opportunity to share  
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**The End.**

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