For Sale: Bee Blower
New hoses. Same as shown in Dadant's catalog page 67, m00780 only with Tecumseh Engine. $250
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Phone: 515-573-2661

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Contact Phil Ebert at 641-527-2639 or ehoney37@netins.net

Summer Pudding
Printed from COOKS.COM
1/2 oz. butter
8-10 slices white bread
1 1/2 lbs. mixed summer fruit (raspberries, red currants, strawberries, cherries, black currants)
4 tbsp. clear honey
1/4 pt. double cream

Use the butter to grease 2 pint pudding basin. Cut the crusts from the bread and use the slices to line the basin, covering the sides and the bottom.

Prepare the fruit according to its type and place in a saucepan with the honey. Simmer gently until the juice flows. Strain off some of the juice and pour over the bread lining. Pour half the fruit into the basin then add a layer of bread. Add the rest of the fruit and cover with a layer of bread.

Place a small plate on top of the pudding, making sure it is resting on the pudding, not the sides of the basin. Put a weight on the plate and leave in the refrigerator overnight. Turn the pudding out onto a serving dish and whip the cream. Use the cream to decorate the pudding.

2012 IHPA Membership and The Buzz
The Iowa Honey Producers Association will be publishing a 100th anniversary membership directory in February 2012. Due to the special event, I am now accepting dues for 2012. Dues are still $10 for the primary member and $5 for each additional family member at the same address. To ensure that your name is included in this issue of the directory, please send your dues to: IHPA, Melanie Bower, 207 S.E. Diehl, Des Moines, Iowa 50315-5227.

Melanie Bower
Treasurer

The Buzz Newsletter Article Submissions and IHPA Memberships
Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to Alex W. Ebert by email to TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com or by mail to The Buzz, c/o Phil Ebert, 14808 S. 102nd Ave. E., Lynnville, IA 50153. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month to be included in the following month's newsletter. The Buzz is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Honey Producers Association which is an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society. IHPA Membership is only $10 annually. To join IHPA and receive your complimentary member subscription to The Buzz Newsletter, please contact Melanie Bower, IHPA Treasurer, 207 S.E. Diehl, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone: (515) 287-6542
Greetings from the President

I can’t believe another month has gone by. It seems just yesterday I was writing the August news letter. It would make sense if I submitted last month late and this month on time but that is certainly not the case as this article is the latest one yet.

The harvest is well underway and the crop looks fairly good so far. The potential for a fall flow seems slim but we can still always hope. The State Fair has come and gone and I think we had another very successful event, as good or better than many in the past.

Donna managed to come up with enough people to staff the honey lemonade stand as well as the “Bee Hive” sales booth. I worked a couple of evenings at the booth but Connie, our Iowa Honey Queen, Ellie Johnson, and her Grandmother Bev Powell was at their post rolling candles every single day of the Fair. Connie also spent time helping at the booth and selling lemonade. Judging the amount of honey used for the lemonade, I think it may be a record year of honey lemonade sales. Honey and wax sales seemed to be good also, judging by the amount delivered was equal to or greater than last year. I am anxious to get a report from Donna to see how the final figures came out.

Andy Joseph will be taking over as the Apiary Division Superintendent for the 2012 Fair replacing Melanie Bower who has done a good job for the past several years. The Apiary entries seemed to be down this year. The more common classes had good participation but the others had few entries. There was only one display showcase and only two Observation hives. The Observation Hives are one of the big draws to get people to the booth, so when I saw the shortage I went home and made up two more so we could at least fill up the bottom row. I can’t complain about the entries much this year because Connie or I didn’t make the entry deadline this year so we didn’t get anything entered. I think it might be a good idea to use IHPA funds to establish a better incentive program to get new people or more people to get apiary entries to the Fair. The observation hives are a tradition to many and they just have to go see the “Bees”. Going past the “Bees” will take them past the entire IHPA display as well as the sales area. We need to strive to make this our educational and enjoyable experience. I think we should be paying more to those who take the time and effort to enter the Observation Hives class because taking the Queen and frame of bees and brood from a good working hive can and will cause the hive serious problems is certain procedures aren’t followed. A replacement Queen plus monetary payment might provide more incentive. I’ll think more about encouraging more State Fair participation for the 2012 Anniversary Year and talk about it in the next president’s message or at the Annual Meeting in November.

Anybody who has questions or concerns about IHPA Activities or has suggestions about changes in procedures, comments about IHPA committees, state fair entries, or state fair sales booth or officer positions feel free to contact me by phone or E-mail.

Have Fun but Work Hard
Harvest Your Honey
Treat For Mites
Bee Happy
Curt Bronnenberg
Cell # 515-480-6075
E-mail – cbronny823@aol.com

Survival of the Winter Bees

As I write this the month of August is rapidly becoming history. As we get into September it becomes time to make inspections in order to determine which colonies meet any or all qualifications for wintering. By the first of October all colonies should have three combs with some brood to provide the hatching of bees that will survive the winter. If no brood it is for sure the old bees within the hive will not live through the winter.

By one means or another all colonies should be brought up to weight to assure there will be adequate stores for the long months of no source of nectar. Those months are from September to April. Without a scale for weighing, the best test is the equivalent of one FULL brood chamber of honey.

Within most any beekeepers management there will be approximately ten percent of colonies that are so far under par that it is not practical to attempt building them up to wintering condition. So, winter the best well and by using a brood equalization program make up the Fall losses in the Spring.

It is amazing how those, more or less beginning beekeepers, and some that have been keeping bees for years believe they have the ideal management while at the same time are having winter losses ranging from 10 percent to 50 percent or more. Ten percent should be the maximum, but 2 percent is about the best that can be expected.

Most losses of colonies during the Winter can be attributed to starvation. At a time when the Story County Beekeepers group was comparatively new, a Professor at Iowa State College that was connected with the beekeeping industry said, "None of you are keeping bees to the best of your ability." That is likely the case throughout the country.

Glen L. Stanley
I have a lot to talk about but not much time to do it. This is going to come off the top of my head. I hope it is coherent. Our crop is decent but not what I had hoped. I thought we had a shot at 100 barrels but our yards to the south made only about 30#. Having seven yards like that really shoots down the average. Our first three barrels were 20% moisture. I broke the first high moisture barrel up into several other barrels and got the moisture content down. I was too late for the other two. They had already started to ferment. I tried putting 4" or 5" of the fermented honey into other barrels but the taste was still off even with that small amount. After the first 15 barrels, the moisture content got down into the reasonable area. We are on barrel 58 at this writing. We did produce a record amount of comb honey. It will be somewhere north of 3000 squares.

I had agreed to buy a load of honey from Roger Bailey but he called and said his first five loads had gone out at 20%. I can't handle honey that wet. I need a different provider.

I realized recently that I am in a state of transition. I am hiring people to do the work I used to do. I am a very poor delegator. My first thought is always that I will do it myself. The transition will be a work in progress. Larry was tied up for a couple of weeks so I got two Vande Krol brothers from Lynnville to help with extracting. They were great. I think they can run the system better than I can. The energy of youth may have had something to do with this. They kept everything current so we have not had any hive beetle trouble. The only glich was one day when both extractors broke down. They are back in college now so it is time for another adjustment.

So far, our mite load has been very low--somewhere in the two to three percent area. Our loads are usually much higher than that by this time of year. Bear in mind, however, that the load can jump dramatically in the fall because up to 90% of the mites can be in the brood. It is usually not that bad but I have seen it happen. Be vigilant!!!!

Alex set up a test yard with three different mite treatments. I was hopeful that MiteAway Quik Strips were going to be a good thing. I had talked to Dale Fields about them a couple of times. He had trouble with them. Alex put out Quick Strips on six colonies, Hopguard on six and ApiGuard on six. All the colonies had screened bottoms and sticky boards. Daytime highs were in the low to mid 80's and night time lows near 60. We went back after 48 hours to pull the sticky boards. The mite count on the sticky boards was similar for all three treatments--150 to 200 mites per board. Bear in mind that these were colonies where 3% was the highest mite load in the yard. The colonies with Api and Hopguard treatments were suffering no ill effects. The MQS colonies were a different story. There was a lot of damage to the capped brood. The caps had a yellow look to them where they had been burned by the acid. Even in places where the caps looked okay, there were a lot of bees that never emerged. The caps were eaten off but the bees were still in the cells. I have over $1000 invested in QuikStrips but I think it would be suicide to use them. They are too potent.

I am still recovering from the State Fair as we get ready for Mt Pleasant even though I only worked four afternoons at the Fair. Adam has stayed busy with queens. He will be combining the bees from the nucs to make full size colonies. Our luck with wintering those colonies has been mixed. It is hard to get the right age mix of bees.

Stay on top of things. It is a critical time of year.

Submitted by Phil Ebert

HONEY, CORN, WHEAT BREAD

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4 cups stone ground whole wheat
2 cups King Arthur bread flour
2/3 cup coarse ground corn meal
2 heaping tablespoons dry yeast
4 tablespoons vital wheat gluten
1 1/2 cups warm water (120 degrees)
3/4 cups milk
2/3 cups honey
2 tablespoons white sugar
2 tablespoons canola oil
1 teaspoon salt

We use a Kitchen-Aid mixer set on 2.
In mixer bowl add first 5 ingredients, mix together. In separate bowl mix last 6 ingredients.
Slowly mix liquid into dry while mixer is running, mix for 3-5 minutes. Add white flour 1 cup at a time allowing flour to mix in, mix for 8-10 minutes after all flour is in the bowl. Let rise for at least 1 hour or until doubled in size. Divide into equal parts and put in greased (Liquid spray) pans.

Bake at 375 for approximately 28 minutes or until golden brown.
Another Successful Iowa State Fair for the IHPA!

Thanks to Melanie Bower for the great State Fair pictures.
It’s meeting time again! The annual meeting of the Iowa Honey Producers Association will be held Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th in Marshalltown, Iowa at the Best Western Regency Inn (641-752-6321) located at 3303 South Center Street.

Rooms rates are: The Best Western Regency Inn for the rate of $70 for a double occupancy The Super 8 is $59.00. These rooms need to be reserved by October 29th to get the convention special rate and please mention the Iowa Honey Producers when reserving the rooms. The telephone numbers to call are: Best Western (641) 752-6321 / 1-800-241-2974 or Super 8 is (641) 753-3333 / 1-800-800-8000. For best availability, try to book early.

Our speakers this year are: Jerry Hayes writer and answer columnist for “The Classroom” in the American Bee Journal. Next speaker is: Kim Flottum, writer of the “Inner Cover” and editor for the Bee Culture Magazine. These are both excellent magazines, and everyone should subscribe to one or both. We will also be having workshops, photo contest, food judging, our 4th annual mead judging contest, silent auctions on both Friday and Saturday, and a Queen Auction during Friday night’s banquet. (all items donated for the auctions will be greatly appreciated) and a class for the youth on Saturday morning.

**Rules for the Photo Contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting**

Photo must be matted but not framed. 
Any size photo will be accepted for this competition. Please put your name on the backside of the photo. 
**Categories to be submitted will include:**
1. Bee on flower
2. General Beekeeping 
3. Marketing or Promotion
4. Extracting Honey or Specific Photos pertaining to Honey.

**Rules for the cooking with Honey Contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting**

Honey is to be the only sweetener 
Please submit you recipe with your entry 
Judges will keep recipes to be included in the BUZZ 
Put your name on the back of the recipe card  
**Categories to be submitted will include:**
1. Desserts 
2. Bars or Cookies
3. Drinks
4. Cakes
5. Breads
6. Appetizers or Snacks

Entries could be judged on: (Judges reserve the right to determine how to best judge the entries)
- Presentation of entry 
- Best use of honey  
- Amount of Honey used (compared to other entries in category)  
- Flavor of entry  
- Overall appearance of entry

**Rules for Mead Judging Contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting**

Supply at least two bottles of Mead 
Mead will be judged on the rules of the State Fair.
Mead will be judged on alcohol strength, sweetness, carbonation, temperature, taste, and presentation. 
**Categories to be submitted will include:**
1. Traditional Meads  
2. Molemel (Fruit Meads)  
3. Metheglyn (Spiced Meads)
Bring extra bottles of Mead to share at the Wine and Cheese Party by the Pool
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NOTE: PREREGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINE October 23RD. NO EXCEPTIONS
Individual:     Registration after October 23rd will be $20.00 Before Oct 23rd $15.00 $
Family Rate: Registration after October 23rd will be $35.00 Before Oct 23rd $28.00 $

BANQUET - Friday night 6:30 P.M. (per person) Number of tickets _____ X $35.00 $
Lunch on Saturday - (per person) Number of tickets _____ X $20.00 $

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Iowa Honey Producers Association includes subscription to “The Buzz” $10.00 $
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NOTE: MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING IN THEIR OWN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2003.

When sending in your magazine subscription or national association membership be sure to inform them of your membership with Iowa Honey Producers Association and give them the name of the Treasurer. There will be printed magazine ordering forms at the meeting. This should speed up your renewals and still give you the association rate on the magazines. There is no discount on membership to the national associations.
2011 Iowa State Fair

I would like to thank the Iowa Honey Producers Association, the Iowa Honey Queen, Ellie Johnson, volunteers in the booth, Larry Spina for letting us use his bobblehead and collapsible hive, and everyone who had entries in the 2011 Iowa State Fair. Your participation is what makes the Apiary Division such a success. I would also like to thank Curt Bronnenberg for bringing several observation hives to the Fair as there were only two that were submitted for competition. His three story hive was very impressive to visitors to the Apiary area.

It has been a privilege to have been the Apiary Superintendent for the Iowa State Fair. I have enjoyed getting the Apiary area ready for competition, meeting people as they submitted their entries and helping first time entrants as they worked through the process. The 2011 Fair was the last Fair that I will be the superintendent. Please welcome Andy Joseph as your new superintendent at the 2012 Iowa State Fair. I am sure he will enjoy the position as much as I have.

One last item I would like to address is the assumption of a lot of people that the superintendent for the Iowa State Fair and the Iowa Honey Producers are the same. They are not. They are two entities that happen to share the same area. The superintendent is an employee of the Iowa State Fair and answers only to the Fair. The IHPA is only responsible for the selling area and does not have anything to do with the judging of entries. So please do not expect the superintendent to be able to do IHPA business and, on the other hand, do not expect the IHPA to be able to conduct Fair business.

Listed below are the results of the judging for the Apiary Division for 2011. There were 29 exhibitors with a total of 93 entries.

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Special Awards:
Sweepstakes Plaque awarded by the Iowa Honey Producers Association: Pat & Peggy Ennis
Dadant & Sons Award Pat & Peggy Ennis
Iowa Honey Producers Award to top twelve winners, marked queen in hive: Pat & Peggy Ennis, Matthew Stewart
C.F. Koehnen & Sons Award: Pat & Peggy Ennis
Draper’s Super Bee Award: Doyle Kincy
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Lapp’s Bee Supply Award: Pat & Peggy Ennis
B & B Honey Farm Award: Cody Kincy

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Lid Style: White plastic (glass not shipped by UPS).
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3 lb. and 5 lb. Plastic Honey Jugs
Great Containers for Pecking Yard Rent Honey

M00280
1 ounce Jugs
150 Jugs per Case
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1-99 . . . . . . $15.50 per Carton
(All Ship Wts. 12 lbs. per carton.)

Classic Plastic Honey Jars
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Please specify red or yellow snap caps. If none specified, yellow will be sent.

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