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**HONEY GINGER COOKIES**

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*These are chewy like a gingersnap and they pack a good amount of nutrition, too!*

- 5/8 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar

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**November 15th — IHPA Board Meeting, 7pm.**

**November 16-17th — IHPA Annual Meeting, Marshalltown, IA**
1 or 2 eggs
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup molasses
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon ginger
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 quart flour (a little more may be needed) - half whole wheat may be used

Cream shortening, add sugar and beat until creamy and light. Sift and thoroughly mix flour with baking soda, baking powder, salt and spices.

Stir into first mixture using a spatula. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled (overnight, if you like).

Roll out using silicone rolling pin on a silicone baking mat between sheets of wax paper, using as little flour as is possible to a generous one quarter inch thickness.

With a cookie cutter to get into flour and bake on a greased or parchment lined cookie sheet in a preheated 375°F oven for about 8 minutes.

Recipe makes 5 dozen.

Variations: Add 1 teaspoon more ginger if a very spicy cookie is preferred; or 3/4 cup chopped nuts, raisins or Craisins may be added (simmer dry fruits for 1 minute then soak for 1 hour before adding).

Servings: 60

**Honeybees fight back against Varroa**

The parasitic mite *Varroa destructor* is a major contributor to the recent mysterious death of honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) colonies. New research published in BioMed Central's open access journal *Genome Biology* finds that specific proteins, released by damaged larvae and in the antennae of adult honey bees, can drive hygienic behavior of the adults and promote the removal of infected larvae from the hive. *V. destructor* sucks the blood (hemolymph) of larval and adult bees leaving them weakened and reducing the ability of their immune systems to fight off infections. Not that honey bees have strong immune systems in the first place since they have fewer immunity genes than solitary insects such as flies and moths. These tiny mites can also spread viral disease between hosts. This double onslaught is thought to be a significant contributor to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). But all is not lost -- honey bees have evolved a way to fight back: hygienic behavior where diseased or parasitized larvae are removed from their brood cells, and *Varroa*-sensitive hygienic behavior which they use to reduce the number of reproductive mites on remaining larvae.

To find exactly how bees respond to hive infections, researchers from Canada looked at the natural behavioral of bees in the presence of damaged larvae and compared this to protein differences in the larvae and adults. After scanning 1200 proteins the team found that several proteins, including LOC552009 (of unknown function but similar to ApoO), found in the antennae of adults were associated with both uncapping brood cells and the removal of larvae. Other proteins were involved in olfaction or in signal transduction, probably helping the adults find infected larvae amongst a brood.

In damaged larvae, transglutaminase, a protein involved in blood clotting, was upregulated, which appeared to be a key component in regulating the adult's behavior. Other proteins indicated adaptations to help fight infection, including chitin biosynthesis and immune responses.

**Honeybee Loose at the Iowa State Fair**

Not all the honeybees stayed in the observation hives this year at the state fair. Luckily 2012 Honey Princess Hanna VanWyk was able to show us that this was a friendly bee that just wanted to greet all the visitors to the IHPCA booth.
THE BEEYARD REPORT

Crap— it's time to do this again. It may be short. Extracting is over. We are in the cleanup mode. We got 149 drums plus three more we did for Larry. We are short on storage space so we are going to haul supers to Cedar Rapids to store at Adam's. I considered putting up another building but, for now, we are going to drive. Adam has space.

Many of the extracted supers are still stacked up in a couple of yards that are close to home. We don't have any other place to put the wet boxes. They are stacked on pallets and we have other pallets with tin screwed to them to act as lids. The bees clean them up and there seems to be enough movement and air flow to keep the wax moths out of them. It is a major bottleneck. We have handle 3000 supers by hand two times in the fall and again in the spring when we put them out. We have part of them brought home but still have 1500 to go. We store them in a building that belongs to a neighbor. If we put them in there too early, the moths go to town.

The bees don't look all that good. My view is skewed since I have been working with the poorest yards. I am pretty sure we are going to lose 40% of the colonies I have seen. Alex says the rest of them look decent. Adam's bees still look good, also. He got his honey off before we did and got his treatments in early. He has 240 left. I don't have a count on the rest of them.

We haven't picked up a whole lot but we have put a lot of them together. I still don't like the look of them. I don't think they have enough bees.

We are almost done feeding. We have division board feeders in every box so we can give two gallons of syrup at a time. This is assuming the feeders haven't collapsed in the center. We have a lot of them with little wooden blocks holding the sides apart. Two rounds completes most of the feeding. Most of the colonies have a wrap or a carton on them and insulation under the lid. We have made 150 new entrance blocks so I know we are going into winter with more than we had last year.

I am receiving reports from around the State that Honeybee colonies, in general, have prepared themselves fairly well for the dearth and cold weather ahead. Strange as it may seem but history tells us that over the past sixty years the few exceptionally dry Summers in Iowa, colonies produced above average amounts of surplus honey. At the same time, especially where excluders were used, the bees kept their brood chambers reasonably well filled with adequate stores of honey.

As we survey the areas adjacent to the apiaries it appears that there might be a lack of blooming plants, but the bees are finding all available and what nectar the plants secrete is low in moisture, eliminating considerable drying by the bees. Consequently, more of the bees time can be directed in the gathering process.

In spite of it all, some colonies will still be found to short of stores and as unbelievable as it sounds, some may actually have stored excessive amounts in the brood chambers and result in what can be termed "honey logged. In such cases the bees will be delayed in their brood rearing in early Spring. With normal conditions brood rearing begins in late Winter.

The most accurate way to determine IF the honey stored is neither over or under weight is by the use of a scale. The scale I designed makes the weight determination quick and easy.

Submitted by Phil Ebert

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Featured Beekeeper of the Month

This month our featured beekeeper is Craig Greene. He lives at 1554 135th Pl. in Knoxville, Iowa. Over eight years ago he got into beekeeping because he wanted to help his daughter learn about bees so she could help him take care of them. Now he manages fifty hives without chemicals, markets chunk, liquid and comb honey as well as raising a few queens in his business named Wee Bee Apiary.

Craig enjoys his bees as a hobby and likes to do presentations for adults and young people showing them the art of beekeeping. Even though the last few springs in Iowa have been rather tough for raising them, Craig’s goal is to get better at queen rearing. This last winter he taught beekeeping classes at Knoxville, Oskaloosa and Chariton. He helps his daughter, Melissa, teach in Chariton, hauls package bees for Phil Ebert in the spring and does a lot of bee removal and swarm capturing.

Craig is a member of the Back to Basics Beekeeping Club in Oskaloosa helping in a leadership role. The group meets the second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. They sponsor field days, continuing education programs and provide youth scholarships. Craig is also a member of a newly formed club, the Red Rock BeeKeepers in Knoxville. They meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. With all the beekeeping projects, Craig still finds time to be an active member of the Iowa Honey Producers Association.

Thanks for your story Craig and for all your work promoting beekeeping in Iowa.

Submitted by Ron Wehr
150th Anniversary Celebration

Location
Sullivan Auction site
1066 E, Hwy 136, Hamilton, IL
March 15th & 16th, 2013

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, March 15th, 2013
12:00-4:00 p.m. Open House at Dadant & Sons, Inc. manufacturing locations: Hamilton, IL, Dallas City, IL, Kahoka, MO.
5:30 p.m. Welcome & Banquet Dinner at Sullivan Auction Site, Hamilton, IL.
6:30 p.m. After Dinner speaker: Dr. James Tew, Bee Culture Columnist, Author, Beekeeping Extension Specialist - Wocoster, OH.
7:30 p.m. Close
Saturday, March 16th, 2013
8:00 a.m. Registration - Sullivan Auction Site- Hamilton, IL.
8:45 a.m. Coffee and Rolls
9:00 a.m. Welcome by Tim C Dadant, President, Dadant & Sons, Inc.
9:15 a.m. Randy Oliver - ABJ Columnist, Commercial Beekeeper and Bee Researcher - Grass Valley, CA.
10:05 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Dr. James Tew - Bee Culture Columnist, Author, Beekeeping Extension Specialist - Wocoster, OH.
11:20 a.m. Jerry Hayes - ABJ Columnist, Bee Research at Monsanto - St. Louis, MO.
12:10 p.m. Lunch Break
1:30 p.m. Randy Oliver - ABJ Columnist, Commercial Beekeeper and Bee Researcher - Grass Valley, CA.

"All 3 Sessions (A, B, C) will be running in all 3 time slots
A: Setting up a Honey House - Kent Robertson, Manager of Dallas City, IL, metal plant
B: Honey & Hive Product Marketing - Charles and Karen Lorence - Aurora, IL.
C: Queen Rearing and Making Spring Splits - Ray Latner - High Springs, FL, Branch Manager, Beekeeper"

2:15 p.m. Sessions: A, B, C
2:45 p.m. Sessions: A, B, C
3:15 p.m. Sessions: A, B, C
3:50 p.m. Raffle drawing
4:00 p.m. Close

"If session exceeds room capacity, attendees will be moved to another session.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Randy Oliver He has 40 years of practical beekeeping experience, plus holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biological Sciences. Randy researches, analyzes, and digests beekeeping information from all over the world in order to not only broaden his own depth of understanding and knowledge, but to develop practical solutions to many of today's beekeeping problems, which he then shares with other beekeepers through his various articles in the American Bee Journal, his speaking engagements worldwide, and on his website: www.ScientificBeekeeping.com

Dr. James Tew He is currently the Chief Apiarist at the University of Florida. He has taught and has conducted applied research on honey bees and their behavior, specifically pollination behavior. He writes monthly articles for Bee Culture and has written two books, Beekeeping Principles and Backyard Beekeeping. He enjoys woodworking, photography and feeding ungrateful birds. He can be reached at: jtwbeeh2@gmail.com, twitter.com/onewebbeeh and facebook.com/twbeeh2.

Jerry Hayes Jerry Hayes took an Agriculture Program under Dr. Jim Tew at the Univ of Ohio. Then went to work at the USDA Bee Breeding and Stock Lab in Baton Rouge where at the time African Honey Bees were on the horizon. He also teaches beekeeping classes at the University of Missouri. His article on beekeeping was featured in the March/April 2013 issue of Bee Culture. He is currently an instructor at the Missouri Beekeeping School in St. Louis, MO.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday afternoon conference attendees will have an opportunity to tour the facilities of Dadant and Sons in Hamilton, IL. Tours will include visits to the company's office, showroom, library and warehouse. In addition, guided tours will allow visitors to see the production of wax foundation. Tours also available at our Kahoka, MO, candle plant and the Dallas City, IL, metal plant.

Also on Friday evening, at the Sullivan Auction site, there will be a kick-off banquet dinner for meeting registrants who have pre-registered. Following the banquet dinner, all meeting pre-registrants will have an opportunity to hear Dr. James Tew. In order to participate in the Friday evening banquet, participants need to pre-register. See the registration form for details.

On Saturday, in addition to hearing three nationally recognized keynote speakers, attendees will have an opportunity to participate in all three break-out sessions that will address beekeeper needs and interests. A Saturday luncheon, provided free of charge by Dadant & Sons, will be available to all meeting pre-registrants.

There will be a raffle for door prizes at the meeting.
SESSION PRESENTERS

CHARLES and KAREN LORENCE - ABI Columnist
Honey & Hive Product Marketing

RAY LATNER - Dadant-High Springs, FL - branch manager, beekeeper
Queen Rearing and Making Spring Splits

KENT ROBERTSON - Dadant-Dallas City, IL - metal plant manager
Setting Up a Honey House

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Pre-registration will allow your hosts to make adequate preparations for meals. Only those who pre-register by the deadline date of Feb. 15, 2013 will be eligible to attend the free Friday evening banquet dinner and the Saturday luncheon. Etc.

Registration will be limited

Dadant 150th Anniversary Celebration

Pre-registration Form

One household per pre-registration form only. Please. If you need additional preregistration forms, you may either photocopy this page, or contact Dadant & Sons by phone or e-mail to request that additional copies be sent to you. Be certain to give your mailing address when requesting additional preregistration forms.

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Registration: Friday evening banquet

Complete and return by Feb. 15th to Dadant & Sons, Inc., 51 S. 2nd Street, Hamilton, IL 62341-1397.
The 2012 Iowa Honey Queen and Princess busy as bees at the Iowa State Fair

2012 Iowa Honey Queen Renae Beard spent many hours at the IHPA booth, giving presentations, and in activities for the kids.

“BEE Agilicious”, that’s what the sign says. Renae helped folks do just that by giving two Cooking with Honey presentations at the fair.

Hanna at the candle rolling table. Candle rolling and IHPA temporary tattoos were quite popular activities for the kids.
2012 Iowa Honey Princess Hanna Van Wyk and Iowa Honey Queen Renae Beard did a great job representing the IHPA and beekeeping to the huge crowds at the fair each day.

The bee photo cutout was very popular at the IHPA booth. This time though Renae let her brother Greg Beard be the BEE!

The beekeeper photo cutouts were a big hit. Renae found time to get her snapshot done amongst all the eager children and adults looking to sport the full beekeeping suit.

The IHPA booth was again a great success. By having activities and exhibits of interest to both children and adults, the IHPA booth is always a great place for the whole family to visit.
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