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I hope this cooler weather gave you a chance to do some bee inspections. I try hard to stay current on the material I use for putting these notes together. Usually I have the topic for next week already in draft form. I spent today working with two other beekeepers and what fun to listen to the conversation with them. As I knew -- when they started talking about their bees the topic of treating for mites came up. I will have a chance to see what various treatments produce when spring comes around. It was too hot today to start the Formic Pro I plan to treat with but the student we visited has started treating with Apiguard and the bees had almost emptied the aluminum trays. Bees looked in pretty good shape for fall. A little light on honey stores but that can be taken care of with feeding. I am suggesting 1:1 mix of water and sugar as the weather cools down. Better error on the heavier side with sugar syrup mixes.

I think it is important to remember 9-11-2001. Do you remember where you were on that day? I was working bees near Gahanna, Ohio on that morning and did not hear about it until after 4:00 p.m. It reminds me of how fast time passes. Terrible things happen and I hope that the bright future for those of us never forgets just how we can survive such an event. To all affected by that event, Never forget just how fragile life is! Enjoy what you have and what you do! And bee blessed!

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