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The bee season is winding down for the Raleigh area. One item I have noticed in the beekeeping blogs I read is the disappointment many beekeepers are having with hives that die out. I know the feeling of losing a hive of bees. However, I have a pretty good investment in time and equipment in that hive. Thus, I find myself cleaning up that equipment and store it for use next year. New drawn comb is valuable. Purchase of a new package of bees to put into that equipment makes a lot of sense to me.

I have been looking for bee yard sites to avoid the lack of bee forage my bees are facing here in the Raleigh area following the spring build-up. It is very common for beekeepers to feed sugar syrup to honey bees in this area to keep them alive. Beekeepers often wonder why bees are dying. The greatest risk to my bees has been the growth and development of any open land in the five mile area around my home. Topics such as moving bees seems appropriate even if some of you never have to move a hive of bees. Getting a return on the investment in bees and equipment may be appropriate to some. There are many aspects to beekeeping that do not fall under bee management and I will explore some of them.

Get any bee work done ASAP before those real cold days arrive.