

2022 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #30a

Hot all over the U.S. I am seeing a lot of issues with two summer pest! Wax moth and Small hive beetles can be major problems with stored equipment (frames with wax) that have any honey or pollen in the frames.

I have seen weak hives fail within several days of the last visit. Typical of a weak hive is a small cluster of bees and if the beetles are in the hive they lay eggs that suddenly become thousands of small larva.










Beekeepers need to be alert to both wax moths and small hive beetle damage in hot weather conditions. If you have stored frames of honey, or supers of comb, you better be checking for damage now and often thru the summer until it becomes cold.

I added a picture to the attachment of a neat idea for catching small hive beetles. I bought a small battery operated vacuum cleaner and it has become handy for a number of uses besides cleaning my computer keyboard. For a beekeeper with only one or two hives, it may at least provide one way to killing those small hive beetles the bees have chased into corners and I found it ideal for getting beetles that run and hide in cells.

The photo I attached came from a search of vacuum cleaners on line. They are not expensive but make sure you get one that is battery operated. Many of those listed need power from your computers USB connection.

See keyboard vacuum cleaner

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