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Judi and I spent this past week in Ohio enjoying the Hocking Hills region. The leaves were off the trees -- we missed the color by two weeks. However, back in North Carolina we still had a number of trees still showing some color.

This weeks article is going to close out 2022 as far as hive inspections and things like pulling frames from hives. I have some work ahead that involves cleaning up my shop, fixing and repairing equipment, and planning for next years bee season. I will keep a watch on my hives -- a walk around from time to time. I might from time to time take off a top cover and check on the bee cluster. I will lift the hives by using the rear handhold on the deep bottom super to check the weight of each hive. If hives are heavy as they should be, I leave the bees alone.

New technology provides some beekeepers with a little more information. Hive scales and temperature sensors in hives can give valuable information that I will only guess at. Hive sensors (about \$30.00 each) can indicate the temperature inside a hive. One of the students I mentored has sensors in each hive. This allows him to see first hand any change in temperature within a hive. I am going to be asking him for some help in writing an up coming article about how he uses sensors.

Today may be the last chance for North Carolina beekeepers to do any hive management -- (reduce hives, combine weak hives, pull frames etc.)