

## 2022 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #49a

My bees are flying this morning on a cloudy rainy day 59 degrees at 10:00 a.m. Just checked them and all are alive and well. I might mention that I use my top feeders as upper insulation against cold. I was going thru stuff to throw away and came across a bunch of foam about 2 inches thick. I filled the top feeders with this stuff. I was going to use wood chips but this foam is light weight and provided a great opportunity to cut them to fit. I will share photos of my hives in January and the before and after pictures of the bee clusters from early December to Mid January. I do expect my hives to have some new brood being raised by Christmas day. A little pollen is also available for bees to gather from what I suspect is Camellia. My Ohio friends are not so lucky but if any of you reading these notes are finding bees returning with pollen, I would appreciate a word about what might be producing it in your area. I can check samples set to me. Just email me at stahlman [apiaries@aol.com](mailto:apiaries@aol.com) and I will get back to you.

I just reminded family members that I would welcome bee books as a gift and gave them a list to choose from. My library continues to grow.