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Beekeeping is all about the weather. No matter where you live this week-end, it is going to be cold and rainy in the Eastern U.S. April has always been a challenge. I was watching the news this morning and it is reported that this year has already had 496 confirmed tornados. That compares with an average of about 260 to this time. Then I see the baseball world -- more home-runs are being hit -- maybe because of the less dense air.

I hope this issue helps some of you when you open a hive for an inspection. I have been writing about swarming and checking hives for swarm cells. There are many concerns that we have about inspecting a hive.

I have added an attachment about brood diseases. Clay Ottoni passed on **this link about AFB**. Clay is a friend in Michigan keeping about 50 hives of bees. He passes a lot of information on to me. I sometimes forget that at one time I lived near Michigan, visited the state a lot and know what winter means. While I write about weather conditions here in North Carolina those readers living in the north can see what is coming their way shortly.

The link below is a valuable source for beekeeping information.

<https://extension.psu.edu/honey-bee-diseases-american-foulbrood>