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This has been a good week to inspect hives in Raleigh. I am getting my second honey crop -- a lot of frames uncapped honey. I need to wait for the bees to cap the honey before I extract it.

As long as the bees are bringing in nectar and pollen, and I don't see bees robbing, I will just wait. That reminds me that a future article is in the making. I take a lot of pictures. By the way, if one takes too much honey from the bees, feeding the bees to survive the up coming summer heat and lack of food will require buying sugar -- check out prices for sugar. In Raleigh, I see some variation of several cents per pound. I often buy 20 to 50 pounds of sugar per hive. Find a good price is important to me. Strong hives require more food if you take a lot honey away from them. I only have three hives and I have learned that they may need food just to get them thru summer. There are some bees that will produce a lot of brood even up thru September. Those hives will go thru much of the honey you leave for winter survival.

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