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I don't have much to report this week. This has been a typical "lazy days of summer period." I am continuing to feed my bees, and this next week, I am thinking about combining a few weak hives.

It is wise to check any supers with comb that are in storage at this time of the year. Wax moth are a special risk during these hot summer days.

Although I have written a lot about wax moth and small hive beetles, I am thinking about a condensed article about summer pests which would include yellow jackets and hornets. I have seen a lot of bald faced hornets around my hives this past week. It might be due to the fact that I am feeding my bees.

This topic replacing queens is something that can be done any time a failing queen is identified but re-queening in the fall is important because healthy good queens are necessary for overwintering a hive.