

2023 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #4a

The notes are a bit delayed this week because I drove to western Virginia to pick up some "stuff" and talk with a beekeeper from that area. I am always refreshed when I can find someone who has a story to tell, make some remarks about honey crop prospects, and give me a little history. As long as some bees survive the winter season, it is possible to make splits. This young man impressed me!

He will be responsible for several topics coming at you a bit later. He is expanding his hive numbers and has a plan. I am glad to call him a friend. By the way, he indicated he is now into his third year of keeping bees and has equipment to build to 10 hives this year. For those just thinking or starting beekeeping, you may find yourself looking to the future -- wanting to make some money rather than spend some money.

I can say that maple trees are blooming all the way into western Virginia beyond I-81 and Roanoke going north. That is good beekeeping country. The area is rolling hills, mountains to the west, a lot of cattle farms and hard working people. Once we got off route 220, winding narrow roads were the norm.

For new readers of these notes I do need to remind you that past beekeeping notes are available visiting <http://www.ccbec.org>. The club web site is a great place to visit for beekeeping information. A number of new beekeepers are being added to the mailing list. I do not sell or make any profit from my notes. Clubs are welcome to use any information that I publish.