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I am beginning to extract my spring honey. The Tulip Poplar trees have just started showing buds with some color. The heavy rain of yesterday are over and I have supers to be filled with Tulip Poplar honey. The spring honey is light in color and comes from a vast number of flowering trees and shrubs such a Camelia, Japanese Apricot, Bradford pear,, Maple, willow, cherry etc. In a few weeks I am going to be extracting again and after that North Carolina in these parts gets little. Time to start thinking making splits and raising some queens. Some beekeepers will be moving bees for the sourwood flow.

Otherwise, beekeeping is in full swing. New beekeepers are getting bees and the cycle starts again and again.

So many subjects and topics to cover yet this year.

Issue #15 means we are nearly 1/3 of the way through 2023. I have time to work on a topic I have in a talk on May 4 "The Honey Flow is over -- Now what?" If any of you have something you are doing after the honey flow is over, I would appreciate hearing from you. I have a favorite saying "Timing and good judgment are critical in the beekeeping world -- God only gave me 24 hours in a day, 2 legs and 2 arms -- How can I make the best of what God has given me?"

I have included an additional attachment this week -- An interesting publication put out by the American Honey Board called Sensory Attributes of Honey.