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I visited my bees yesterday. We had a high temperature of 57 degrees F. I saw pollen being brought into my hives. Quite a bit of activity at hive entrances. Then I caught a little weather new report on TV. Accounts of snow storms in the mid-west. Wow -- glad I don't live in those conditions.

But then the Warning: An Artic cold blast is moving south! In fact, all states are included even Alaska. Texas and Florida for this coming week are included in this warning. I had a previous news letter ready to send out for today, but as my mind works -- I had to address this weather issue. The question became "What could I do for this expected weather event. Overnight cold weather is on its way. What about my bees. Today they are getting pollen -- what will tomorrow bring?"

I sat down and put together this article that was fun to write. I remember those Ohio days of deep snow and zero degree weather and how I managed my bees. I think every beekeeper has ideas of how to do something. I went back into history a bit to share how other beekeepers including A.I. Root gained experience of what to do and what not to do.

This article shares some tid-bits of information about wintering bees.

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