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Anyone keeping honeybees must consider the bees. It is now a time to save honeybees from starving. Yes, mites are always a question, but with congested population growth, less and less foraging possibilities are available for honeybees let alone the natural wild bee populations. Check your neighborhood for foraging possibilities the bees may find. This is critical if one is keeping bees where land development is reducing foraging possibilities.

And if you have fellow beekeepers around, keep in mind your bees will be visiting their hives and, in some cases, they will return to your hives with mites and diseases and robbed honey. Covid has taught us to stay away from crowds. That applies to honeybees as well.

As each day passes the opportunity to save a stressed colony of bees is lost. You cannot get those lost days back!