

## 2025 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #12a

Color is the story here in North Carolina. Trees in bloom everywhere. Swarm stories are coming in and the three big issues of spring -- feeding, swarms and making increases are happening. I was asked by a beekeeper last night in a bee meeting what my bee notes do for people not living in N.C. I hope it alerts readers to what is happening here will be affecting them in a few weeks to come.

One issue that really stands out is small hive beetles survived the winter season. I have seen a colony already overrun with them and one report that SHB larva were reproducing on a bottom board among all the dirt, pollen and wax accumulated there.

**If you are doing hive inspections, don't forget to take a look at bottom boards and clean them. This is a practice often overlooked and can be done now!**

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