

## 2025 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #2a

Winter finally set into the Raleigh area. We are most fortunate not to have the weather that is hitting Illinois and Ohio and those area to the north of us. Eugene Makovec from Illinois indicated the following to me: Yeah, we got about 12” of snow here last Sunday, and it’s been cold this week for us — down into single digits for two nights, and days below freezing. It’s a rarity for us to see the snow last more than a few days; it’s starting to remind me of back home in Wisconsin. It’s snowing again today, with 3-5” expected.

In the Raleigh area, our greatest threat is ice not snow. I lived in the snowbelt of Ohio north of I 70. An interesting thing about snow is pushing it with a snowplow is limited. I have included some snow pictures in this issue. Would you believe that a colony of honeybees in that far cold area we call the north actually uses less food surpluses than a colony of bees in my back yard here in Raleigh. I will be sharing issues like this in upcoming issues.

Keep warm.

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