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Beekeeping is a challenge. The weather hasn't helped me much this year. Working in hot weather and lifting supers is hard for me. This issue is a look at how I work my bees. Most of these items were learned very early from my grandfather, a commercial beekeeper. Bees are like livestock. They need to be cared for and managed to provide the beekeeper with some reward. Even those who do not sell honey products find something rewarding about honeybees.

A book was written about the ART OF BEEKEEPING. There are so many ways to keep bees. This essay covers some points on how I keep bees. It is not for everyone. I would call keeping bees a style rather than an art. Everyone keeping bees has thoughts about how it should be done! You have heard over and over again the little saying "Ask 10 beekeepers a question and you will get 10 different answers. One needs to understand that beekeepers like to share information.

Read these points with this in mind: The points I make work for me, but they may not fit your style.