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This has been a long hot summer, and I am seeing some relief today. I note that land development was not affected by the hot temperatures. Three large plots of land within 5 miles of my home have been stripped of trees. What will be built there is most likely to be housing apartment units. I have watched this progress when flying into the Raleigh airport. Patches for red soil - not something green as I look down as the plan lands. My concern for the bees is foraging possibilities. I am not sure what you are seeing but I am sure this is not only happening here in Raleigh but all across this country.

The result in my case is to reduce the number of colonies I manage and feed bees during the summer when they use up the spring honey flow. I am seeing the results in the number of new beekeepers giving up beekeeping after just a few years after starting. Market place has a large number of adds for beekeeping equipment with hives being offered for sale. (Not from bee suppliers but beekeepers quitting). There are a few beekeepers that have shared with me that their bees are or have died even before fall management arrives. I would appreciate hearing from any of you that might have some thoughts on this issue.

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