

Joco Beekeepers

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the
Johnston County Beekeepers Association



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Meeting Information & Agenda

- ✓ January's Meeting is Jan 21, 2019
- ✓ The February meeting speaker will be Will Hicks, NC. State Apiary Inspector "Bee Disease Detection and Management "
- ✓ Be sure and check out the recent updates to the JCBA website, like the new Bee school dates for 2019.
- ✓ Free door prizes
- ✓ Right around the corner JCBA membership ([link](#))
- ✓ Right around the corner NCSBA membership ([link](#))

BEE Basics before each meeting!

"BEE Basics" is a general talk held before each meeting. At 6:30 - 6:55. The purpose is to gain basic info for NEW Beekeepers & Reminders for experienced Beekeepers.

2018! Christmas Party

The 2018 Christmas Party was a huge success with some really great food, prizes and lots and lots of Bee talk. The New JCBA President introduced the New Board Members for 2019.



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Have a story? Would you like to be featured in the newsletter?

Please submit your request to Newsletter@jacobee.org

Businesses and Services

Businesses and Services offered by JCBA are listed on our website at [\(click here\)](#)

Native Plants for Bees!

Link for native plants good for bees ([click here](#))

Like us on social media 

This Month's Bee Tips!

Last month December

- ☑ Combine hives that are weak/have failing queens.
- ☑ Feed thick syrup if needed (i.e., if not more than one super of honey stored up).
- ☑ Consider insulating smaller hives (those with 4 or fewer frames of bees).
- ☑ Sell honey to Christmas gift shoppers.
- ☑ Year-end review/assessment of apiary success/challenges.
- ☑ Leave bees alone, if possible (Take a break---you probably need it by now!)

This month January

- ☑ Add pollen supplements, if needed; check amount and location of honey stores, and feed (2:1 syrup or fondant) if <3/4 super of stored honey left.
- ☑ Check/repair/replace stored equipment; order wax/woodenware.
- ☑ Order nucs/packages.
- ☑ Keep learning---bee school, read books/journals, etc.
- ☑ Combine or insulate smaller (less than 4 frames of bees) hives.
- ☑ Combine hives where the queen has failed, if they're still alive and haven't absconded.
- ☑ Move hives if they'll need to be relocated this year.
- ☑ Bees may need help removing dead bodies from entrance area.

Next month February

- ☑ Noticeable pollen flow under way, especially red maple-- brood build-up intensifying.
- ☑ Minimal if any nectar available--- most hives need feeding (1:1 syrup in most cases, unless honey stores are very low [i.e., <1/2 super left]).
- ☑ Combine hives if needed (see January entries above).
- ☑ Repair/replace equipment if needed; move hives if needed; keep learning.
- ☑ During last half of February, consider adding super/hive body of wax foundation to allow bees to draw out more comb for spring. **(Feeding or nectar is required for this).**
- ☑ Replace a few (<4) frames where comb is old or has excessive drone cells.
- ☑ Some hives may need treatment for Nosema disease, especially if too cold for cleansing flights.
- ☑ Call your local cooperative extension office if you want your name on a "swarm-catcher list"
- ☑ Make plans to attend the annual NCSBA Spring Meeting in March.



Bee Fun Fact

North Carolina designated the European honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) as official state insect in 1973. Honeybees play an important role in North Carolina's agricultural economy as pollinators of several major cash crops (particularly cotton, alfalfa, fruits, and vegetables), and their production of honey and wax.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program

Here is a message that was sent to all chapter clubs for all members from Rick Coor the NCSBA President; North Carolina Beekeepers, The USDA has a program for beekeepers that have certain honey bee losses. Please refer to the Farm Service Agency's Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program Fact Sheet for more information. The website is www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2018/elap_fact_sheet_april2018.pdf

Please contact your local Farm Service Agency for assistance.

Rick Coor

Pollinator Network' New App Connects Beekeepers and Growers

Pollination Network, a mobile app that helps local farmers and growers find bees and beekeepers, launched this week in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The app helps beekeepers to find jobs with nearby growers, and it allows growers to post public listings and hire beekeepers within the app.

"It's become more and more difficult for growers to find bees over the years," said Brandon Bouye, owner and founder of the app. "But it's been just as hard for beekeepers to keep their hives growing and their businesses afloat. We wanted to change that."

When beekeepers download the app, they will have access to a map featuring job listings from growers across the country who need bees. They can filter by location, expected price rate, and quality of bees, and apply for jobs straight from the app.

Growers will be able to post listings from their smartphones, customizing each job listing to their specific needs. Then, employees at the Pollination Network headquarters will manage the listings and notify growers when a suitable beekeeper is found.

"Strengthening the grower-beekeeper relationship doesn't just improve a tiny corner of the economy," Bouye said. "It protects the environment, and it puts food on the table for people across the country."

The Pollination Network app can be downloaded for free in the Apple App Store and Google Play. For more detailed information, visit <https://www.pollinationnetwork.com/>



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