

Kalamazoo County 4-H Beekeeping–Hive Inspection Sheet

Name: _____

Club: _____

Age: _____ Years in project: _____ Year: _____

Hive ID: _____ Today's Date: _____

Hive Type Langstroth Top Bar Warre Frames Per Box: _____

Hive Temperament: Calm Nervous Aggressive

Saw Queen: No Yes (marked? No Yes-Color _____)

Laying Pattern: Good (solid and uniform) Okay (intermittent, random)
 Bad (spotty, check for varroa)

Eggs seen: No Yes

Comments: _____

Population: Low Moderate Heavy

Excessive Drone Cells: No Yes

Drone Population: Low (<30) Average (30-100) High (100+)

Queen cells: No Yes

Honey Stores: Low Normal High (everywhere) Near Brood

Pollen stores: Low Normal/Average High (everywhere) Near Brood

Odor: Normal Foul Fermented

Hive condition: Good Okay Poor Replace/repair: _____

Equipment Conditions: Good Okay Poor Replace/repair: _____

Small Hive Beetles Present: None A few Moderate A lot

Installed hive beetle trap

Moved to a sunnier location

Other treatments: _____

Varroa Mite symptoms/presence

Virus present (k-wing, twisted wing, bees crawling on ground in front of hive, etc.) No Yes

Uncapped brood-spotty brood pattern (chewed off by workers) No Yes

Varroa on drone brood No Yes

Number of mites—sticky sheet: treat if >180 mites after 3 days

Number of mites—powdered sugar roll: treat if >18 mites

Honey flow preparation, spring (January-ish)/Summer (August-ish):

Add queen excluder

Add honey super(s)

Honey harvest: Number of honey supers removed

Pounds of honey extracted

Flowers blooming currently in the area? _____

Notes: _____