

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: _____