

Bee Chronicles

3 February 2026

Colony inspection

28 Dec inspection 5 with brood

Jan

Colony expansion brooding. Brood is good but I was hoping for long brood break.

10 Jan 2026 Inspected colonies brood patterns on 6 colonies has doubled in size since 28 Dec No brood in 1. Colony cluster maybe too small to survive 5 days of cold?? Brood patterns larger than my hand some up to 3 sides of frame those three show the center has hatched out since 28 Dec. Brood pattern looks like a donut. The center hole is where capped brood was during December inspection, the queen is re-laying into this area before she expands the outside circumference of the pattern

All colonies taking in syrup slowly. All colonies have adequate stored honey

Field feeder with pollen sub. (about 1 cup) emptied in one day, bees go to it immediately Make sure it is full every warm day above 50

Put Norroa on all 7 colonies, let's see what happens. Will take several birthing cycles before benefits will be observable

11 Jan temps down to the 30s as daily high. Expect the same for a week

23 Jan 4PM 51 degrees. I am in a long-sleeved shirt. Bees eating pollen substitute like crazy, supposed to start freezing rain Saturday 24 Jan. Sleet and snow through Monday and then days to warm up.