

done better; others far worse. Great promise of basswood, bees very cross at times, no extracting yet, but think we will have to do a little. Did not do anything last year, so you see it is not so "blue" but what it might be "bluer." Hope we will get something yet.

District No. 2. J. K. Darling.

About this time of the year it does good to compare notes, but the exchange of thought among bee-keepers this year is inclined to be gloomy as compared with former years. The winter and spring losses have been heavy in this district, our own loss of something less than 20 per cent. being considered very light in comparison. Our bees are in good condition, and have been doing fairly good work on the clover, although excessive swarming has prevailed. The output of honey in these counties will not be large.

District No. 3. M. B. Holmes.

Bees gathering slowly. Prospects are for a light crop.

District No. 5. J. W. Sparling.

Clover abundant but weather very unfavorable; only a small quantity of surplus honey stored so far. Owing to slow honey flow it is very difficult to keep colonies in working condition.

District No. 6. H. G. Sibbald.

Swarming here has been late and slow. Bees were almost starving when raspberry and dwarf maple opened about three weeks ago; they have been doing a little on clover for about a week, when the weather is favorable. Haying starts here about July 13th usually which stops the clover flow, don't expect more than half a crop; nothing fit to extract yet; am hoping for a fall flow.

Increase about 30%.

District No. 7. George Wood.

The prospects for clover honey are very poor. Bees are storing very little in the supers. Basswood is looking very good now, and if we get the right kind of weather we may get some honey, but at the best the crop is going to be very short here—the shortest it has been for a number of years. No swarms.

District No. 8. Jas Armstrong.

Speaking for ourselves, and from reports, think there is about one super filled on all strong colonies. Prospects are good for basswood, and the rains we are getting should make the clover last longer.

District No. 9. R. H. Smith.

Cannot say that much honey has been gathered yet, weather has been too cold and cloudy. Plenty of showers gives promise of a good yield, provided it gets warmer. Clover is abundant. Have been unable as yet to leave any honey exposed, which indicates not much nectar. We have had abundance of rain.

District No. 10. G. A. Deadman.

Clover is still good, but weather conditions so unfavorable that there is only a day now and again that counts. Basswood is showing well on young trees only. Prospects on the whole point towards a light crop.

District No. 11. F. J. Miller.

The season is very late here. Have extracted the first to-day, 200 or 300 lbs. Bees are working well now, and lots of white clover, but am afraid it is too late to amount to much. We have not much basswood, but it promises well what there is of it.

District No. 12. Samuel Wood.

Prospects for a honey crop are good in this section for those who wintered their bees successfully.

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