

Feeding in Spring.

QUERY No. 240.—How do you usually feed in spring? I don't like feeding at entrance, and want a better plan.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—I do my feeding in fall.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I put combs of honey in the hive or else put a feeder on top.

J. K. DARLINO, ALMONTE, ONT.—By filling one or more combs and placing behind the division board

JACOB ALFAUGH, ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Give combs of honey if I have it if I haven't got that I lift a comb or two out of their hive and fill them with syrup and return them again.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—I do so little feeding that I have no plan. The better plan is—if possible to carry it out—to have a frame of last year's honey to give the colony

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Nor do I. I like the White feeder the best of all. It is described in my book and I think it meets all the requirements of a feeder.

R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.—Use the Canadian feeder. It is the best in use. They are placed on top of the brood frames, filled and covered up, and that is the end of the trouble. I use no other spring or fall.

MARTIN EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—If I feed syrup I do it on top under the cushion. I have a small flat feeder on purpose for spring feeding, but I would prefer a good full comb of honey in the hive.

J. F. DENN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—When I have it I lay a comb of honey over the cluster, when I do not have the honey I use Good candy. Gently raise the cover of hive, lift the cushion and place feed over the brood frames.

WM. McEVoy, WOODBURN, ONT.—About sundown I move back the division board and put in a comb of sealed honey if they need any feeding. I always save over sealed combs for that purpose.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—I advise against stimulative feeding at any time of year. To feed for any and all other purposes I use my own special feeder which covers the whole top of the hive. I never liked entrance feeding, and believe I was the first to make and use a top feeder to cover the whole hive.

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, OHIO.—I have hives with tight bottom boards and raise the front end and pour the feed in at the entrance in the evening, unless I have extra combs with honey in. I think the next best method is to use the Cutting entrance feeder. No bees can get at the feed except those in the hive

G. W. DEMARRE CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—I feed with any suitable feeder on top of the frames protected by an upper story. A common fruit jar with a thin cloth tied over its mouth, after being filled with liquid honey or syrup, and inverted over the cluster is as good feeder as any.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS, ONT.—I use a hive having double walls at the sides with a space of one inch. I have a feeder arranged in the upper part of this space and that portion not occupied as a feeder is filled with chaff. The feed is supplied through an opening in the outside wall and the bees reach it by an entrance from the inside. With this you can feed about 150 colonies per hour with little labor.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—If you want to stimulate in spring feeding at the entrance is all right, but if short of stands and the weather such that bees cannot fly then feed on top of frames, use candy or very thick syrup. I prefer to feed thin syrup at the entrance if bees can fly with safety.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, VT.—I don't feed in spring at all unless there is lack of stores, and I would not advise others to do so. Stimulative I think a humbug, but when I used to believe in it I fed on top of frames. By so doing the chance for robbing is greatly lessened. If I fed at entrance I should only do so at night.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—With all fast bottom hives which are tight and painted behind inside I pour the feed down in the back part of the hive on the bottom-board at night, tipping the hive up a little in front to prevent liquid running out at the entrance. With loose bottoms I feed on top of frames with some sort of feeder, but never feed at entrance. A good way is to fill empty frames of comb with the syrup and insert them when needed.

LADIA SWANSTON.—Am always glad to get the JOURNAL. Last season had three colonies, got about 60 lbs of honey and three swarms, two of which I lost and the other did not do much good. Have three colonies this season, all of which are doing well. Have no swarms so far but have upper stories on. Do you consider honey ripe when capped over? I have in my garden a flower which we call the Corn Flower. The bees work a great deal about it. I send a flower.

CORNELIUS SMITH.—Put into winter quarters fourteen packed in chaff. Lost one from starvation, two from robbing, remaining eleven were in A1 order. Fruit trees bloomed early and the weather being fine swarms came off May 16th and two following days. Cold and wet with frosts shut off swarming for two weeks but now it is finer and the bees have the fever again. Have had eight swarms and am looking for more every day. White clover bloomed about May 15th, was cut off by frosts but is coming on again. Alsike is in very good bloom and bees are storing rapidly. I think I will have to extract this week. We look for a large yield this summer. Bees wintered well around here as far as I know. I have a large number of cherry trees planted around the fences for the sake of the bloom.