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Hive #1

May 24	July 28	August 12	August 22	~September 10	September 16	September 20	October 7	Oct 31	Nov 12
Installed overwintered nuc from Syracuse 	Gave one frame of brood and eggs to hive #2	Mite check: <u>6</u> mites per half cup (2%) 	Treated with four strips of Hop Guard II 	Started feeding with sugar syrup	Mite check: <u>12</u> mites per half cup (4%) 	Treated with Formic Pro 	Mite check: <u>1</u> mite per half cup (0.3%) 	In prep for winter, gave two frames of honey to hive 2 and 2 frames of honey to hive 3, leaving this hive with one deep and 2 mediums	Winterized hive with tar paper, flipped inner cover, and top box with layer of cedar wood shavings

Hive #2

May 24	~July 12	July 28	August 12	~September 10	September 16	September 20	October 7	Oct 31	Nov 12
Installed overwintered nuc from Syracuse 	Hive swarmed	Spotted virgin queen(!); received one frame of brood and eggs from hive #1	Mite check: <u>2</u> mites per half cup (0.7%) 	Started feeding with sugar syrup	Mite check: <u>5</u> mites per half cup (1.7%) 	Treated with Formic Pro 	Mite check: <u>1</u> mite per half cup (0.3%) 	In prep for winter, received 2 frames of honey from hive 1, leaving this hive with one deep and 2 mediums	Winterized hive with tar paper, flipped inner cover, and top box with layer of cedar wood shavings

Hive #3

May 24	August 5	August 8	Sept 2	~September 10	September 16	September 20	October 7	Oct 31	Nov 12
Installed overwintered nuc from Syracuse 	Hive likely swarmed; we observed lots of queen cells. Given how late in the season this was, we decided to re-queen.	Added new, mated queen from Syracuse (and squashed all existing queen cells) 	Mite check: <u>2</u> mites per half cup (0.7%) 	Started feeding with sugar syrup	Mite check: (<i>forgot to document</i>) 	Treated with Formic Pro 	Mite check: <u>1</u> mite per half cup (0.7%) 	In prep for winter, received 2 frames of honey from hive 1, leaving this hive with one deep and 2 mediums	Winterized hive with tar paper, flipped inner cover, and top box with layer of cedar wood shavings