Welcome from Trish the Beekeeper!

- Started in 2015 with a swarm
- Expanded over time to have ~20 hives
- Use 12.75" tall frames, single brood box
- Around 80% survival
- Honey vendor at Geauga Farmers Market
- 4th year teaching bee classes
- Chickabuzz.com



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\$50-\$125 Mite Management

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-Orientation or Relief Flights (next slide is video)



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Finished Bee Yard with Hives and Nuc From betterbee.com

Avoid placing hives within 20 feet of a walkway.
Can face hives away from space you want people to use.

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- -Orientation or Relief Flights
- -Flyway Management
- -Water Source Consistently

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Beekeeping & Safety

- Water Source Consistently
 - If surrounded by neighbors with pools... set up yours early.
 - Easy flight entry and landing pads
 - "Sweeten the deal" anise extract and lightly sugared

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Beekeeping & Safety

- What if the hive gets knocked over?
 - Hive can sting anything within sight of the hive that moves, and cannot get away – like a dog in a fenced yard.

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- What's good for bees
- What's good for Beekeeper
- Think about it now....
- Because can move established hive 2 feet or 2 miles, due to foragers imprinting on hive location.

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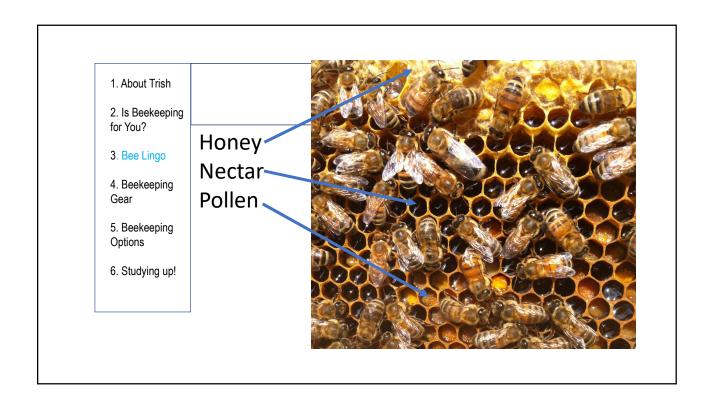
- Sun on hive for at least a few hours
- Facing south or east, and wind shelter
- Not on ground, in swampy or flood area, under dead tree

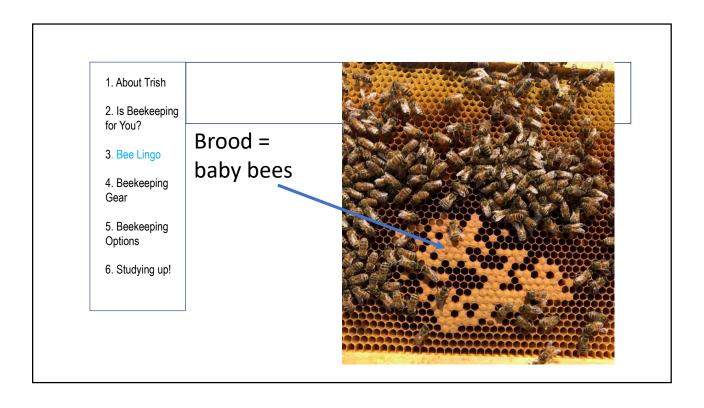
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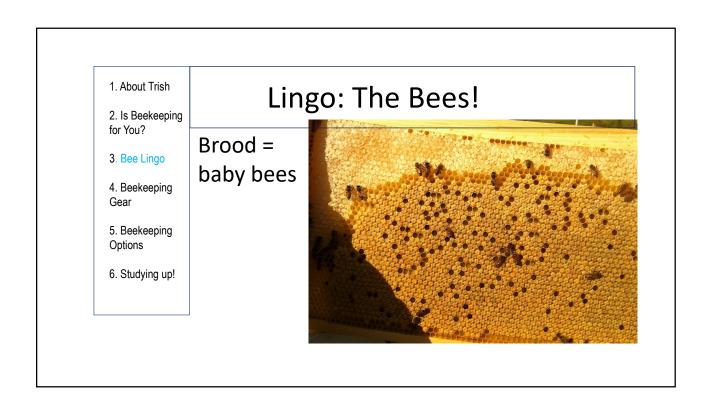
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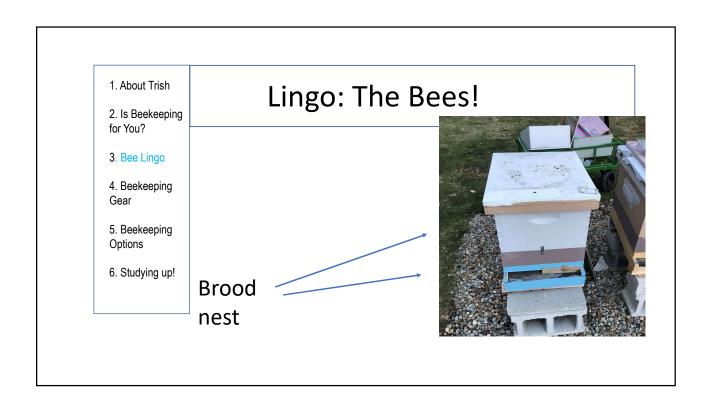
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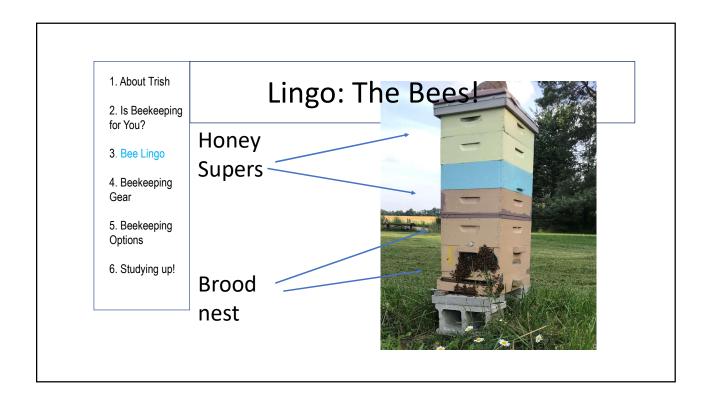
- What's good for beekeeper
 - Mowing
 - Flyway and Orientation Flight
 - Access to wagon/cart
 - Shade after 2 or 3 pm
 - Room to move, and for a spare box

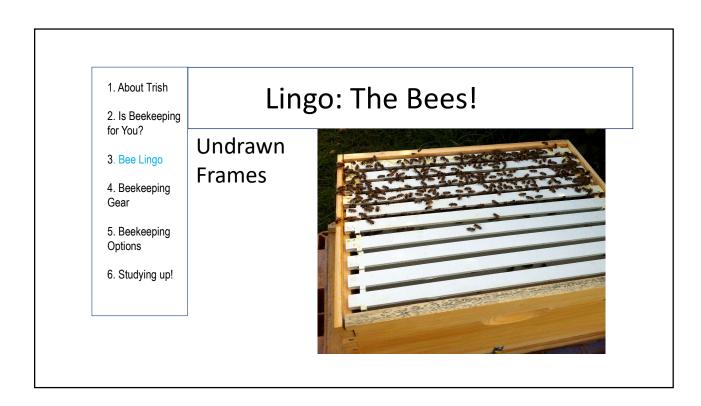


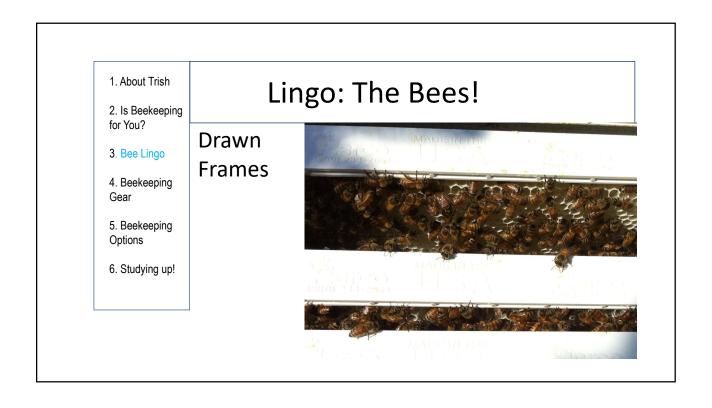


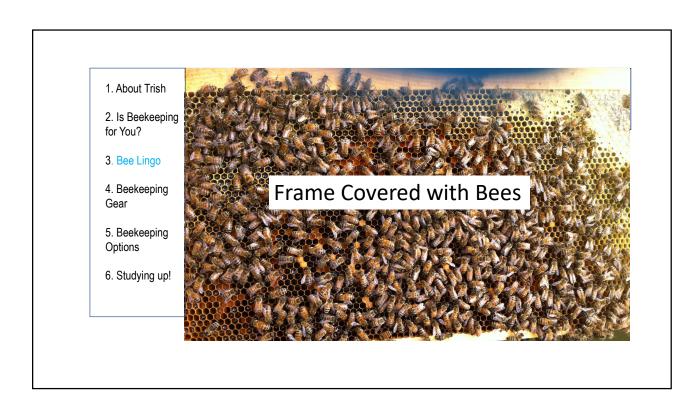


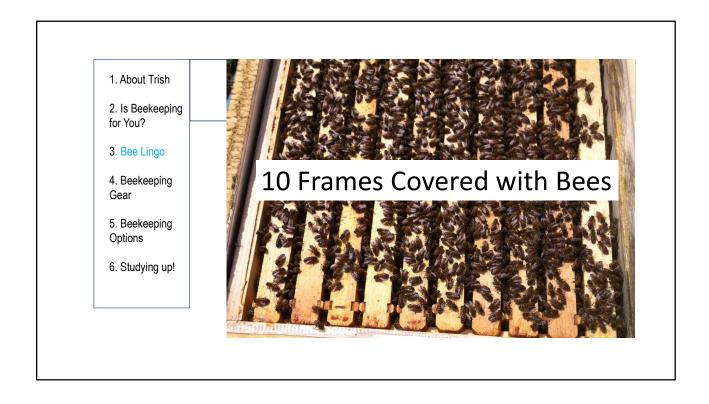












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Lingo: The Bees!

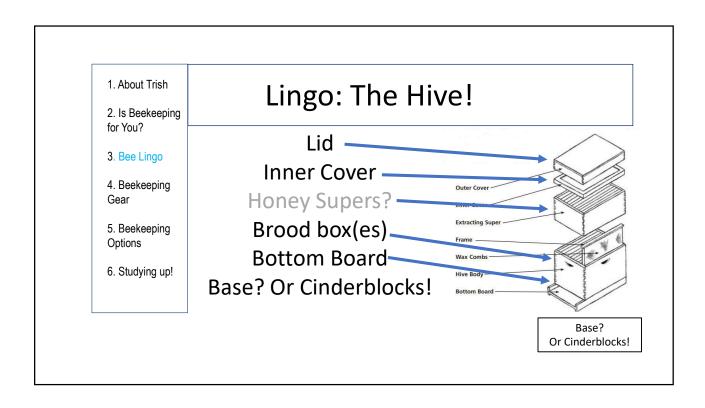
Wonky Comb Or Creatively Drawn Comb



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Beekeeping Gear: The Hive!

Hive Equipment



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Beekeeping Gear: The Hive!

- What do you need?
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 - Inner Cover
 - Brood boxes (2 med, 2 deep, 1 deep
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Beekeeping Options

Size of Brood Nest (Summer)

- 1 deep boxes, 10 or 8 frames
- 2 medium boxes (8 frame)
- 1 deep and 1 medium boxes, 10 frame only

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Size of Entire Hive (Summer)
Brood Boxes
3 medium honey supers

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Size of Brood Nest (Winter)

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- 3 medium boxes (8 frame)
- 1 deep and 2 medium boxes, 10 frame only

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Beekeeping Options

Your Mission:

Get these fully drawn out by the bees.

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Honey super progress is optional...but...makes next spring better.

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Beekeeping Options

Double Deep advantage:

Lots of support

Lots of room for winter honey

Lots of room for spring bees

Can swap brood frames top/bott

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Or, a long hive!

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Beekeeping Gear: Pro

- Safety Equipment (examples)
 - Veil
 - Gloves
 - Smoker

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Buying Bees

Package - 3 lbs of Bees & Queen

- Installation: Immediate and dramatic
- Guesstimate of arrival
- Pickup is inflexible (and so is install)
- No Plan B if queen fails (higher chance of failure)

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Nucs

- Queen, 5 frames bees, 3 of brood
- Pickup is somewhat flexible
- Install is flexible
- Can save themselves
- Can come with more than bees

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Buying Bees

Nucs (Southern or Local):

- Southern:

- Transported from south
- Seller is a distributor
- Choice of queen race

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Buying Bees

Nucs (Southern or Local):

- Local:
 - Queen from bees who survived
 - Direct sale, but less advertising
 - Later delivery to your apiary, but flexible

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Buying Bees

Recap:

Package Southern Nuc
Early May Early May
Floaty date Floaty date
May fail Brood comb
Install now Flex install

Local Nuc
Early June
Survivors!
Brood comb
Scheduled
install

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Buying Bees

Buyer Beware. You're buying from a beekeeper, who wants your success. But...

- Package, a thin layer dead bees, queen should be alive. What if...
- Nuc, ideally see the brood, queen should stay strong through season.
 What if...

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Buying Bees

Where to buy bees?

- -Check Geauga County Beekeeper's website
- -Facebook
- -Go to club meetings and ask around

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Bee Races

Italian color



Carniolan color



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Bee Races

Italian race

- -Gentle

-Good Honey

Carniolan race

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- -Good Honey

Traits in Common due to Breeding

1. About Trish **Bee Races** 2. Is Beekeeping for You? Italian race Carniolan race 3. Bee Lingo -Early spring buildup - Explosive pop growth 4. Beekeeping -Likely to rob -Likely to swarm Gear -Needs more food -Needs less food 5. Beekeeping **Options** -Hygenic 6. Studying up!

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Bee Races

Italian race

Carniolan race

But what does it mean for you?

Does not matter IF queen was damaged in shipping, or poorly mated/raised.

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Bee Traits

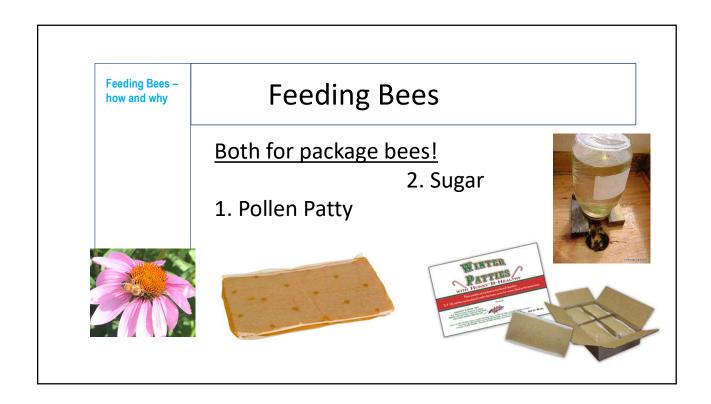
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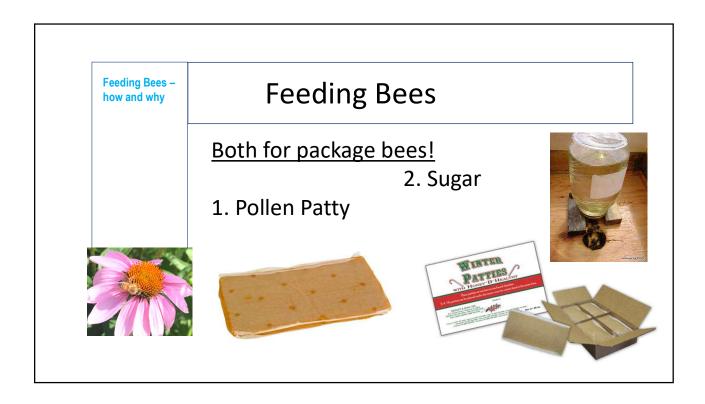
- 1. Good mite control
- 2. Good stores
- 3. Good queen any kind

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Short Break!

- More in-depth about installing bees
- Varroa Mite





Feeding Bees

Why do we feed bees?

- Swarms in the wild 10% survival rate
- Deep frame with honey: 6 lbs; that is 5 lbs of sugar, 1 lb of water.
- So, 5 lbs sugar per frame: 50 lbs.
 - One gallon 2:1 per box per week.



Feeding Bees

HOW do we feed bees?

- Pollen: not necessary if foraging AND can store pollen.
- Otherwise, ½ pollen patty at a time.



Feeding Bees - how and why

Feeding Bees

HOW do we feed bees?

- Sugar:
 - Package Bees: ANYTHING to get carbs to them.
 - 40s-50s: baggie, or in-hive feeder.
 - 60s+: Don't let feeder run dry!



Feeding Bees

How LONG do we feed bees?

- Until all comb necessary for queen's quarters/winter quarters is drawn out.
- You will need to add honey supers for room for the bees.
 - You decide if you want to continue feeding to get those drawn out too.



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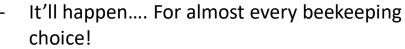


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Feeding Bees

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- Should you use 2:1 or 1:1 Sugar Syrup?
- What if someone says one thing, and someone else says another?
- It'll happen.... For almost every beekeeping choice!
- 1. Consider how the source came to conclusion
- 2. They are YOUR bees!!

Feeding Bees – how and why

Your New Hive

Your New Hive

Installation Day!

Bee Ready!

- Hive location and stand is ready
- Frames in hive (10 if package, 5 if nuc)
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Installation Day: Package of Bees

1. Can actually arrive in the mail...



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Installation Day: Package of Bees

1. Or you drive it home – murdochs.com





Feeding Bees – how and why

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- 1. Picking up in your car
- 2. ASAP, before start driving home... spritz with water.



3. Is it safe to install? YES!

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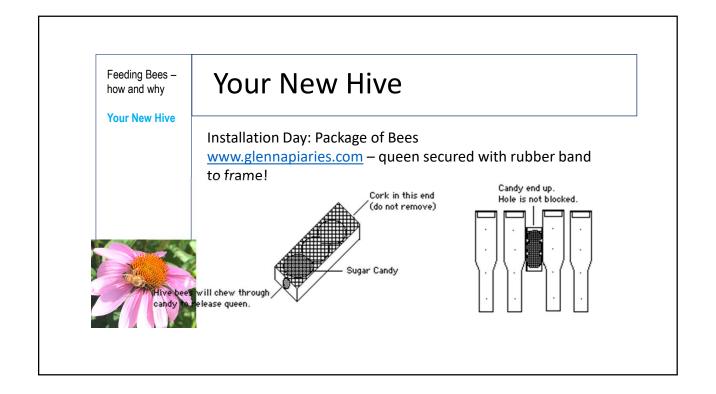
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- Temporarily pull 5 frames out of hive, set to side.
- Pull feeder jar out of package, get queen off, replace feeder jar.
- Get caged gueen on frame, place frame in hive in position 6 next to frames 1-5.
- Shake bees into space
- Replace remaining 4 frames, inner cover, feeder setup, lid...



Feeding Bees -

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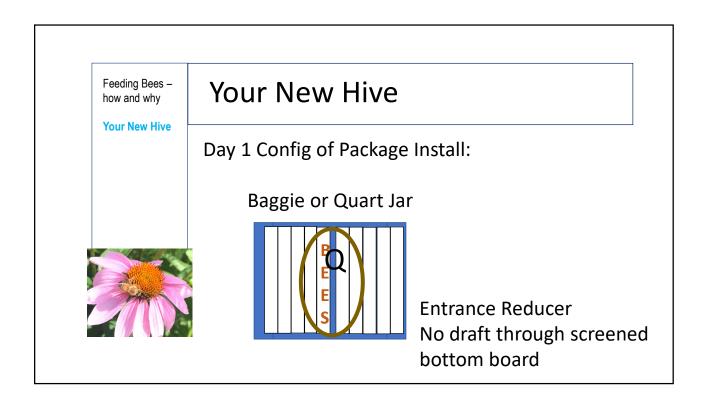
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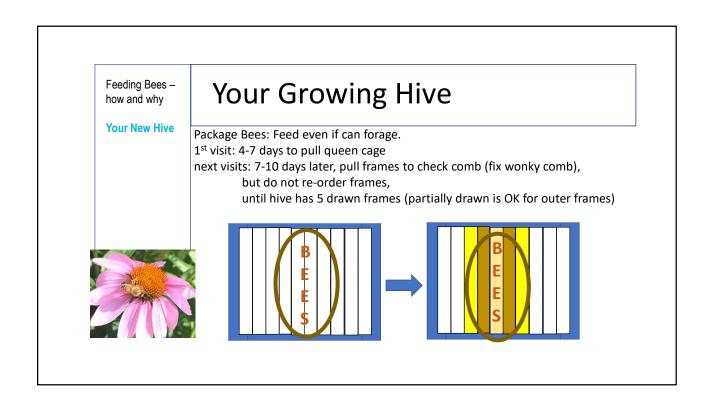
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https://riveroakshouston.com/a-bee-in-his-bonnet/

Your New Hive

Your New Hive

Installation Day: Nuc – and it's below 30!

1. Nuc in 40-70 degree space, dark, min vibrations...can wait a few days...



Feeding Bees – how and why

Your New Hive

Your New Hive

Installation Day: Nuc -

- 1. Set up deep with 2 frames inside, 3 set aside outside box.
- 2. Set nuc next to hive.
- 3. Pull outer frame out, set next to frame #2 in hive
- 4. Insert nuc frames 2 and 3, THEN place a hive frame at position 6.
- 5. Insert remaining nuc frames, and remaining hive frames.
- 6. Briefly shake nuc's unattached bees into hive then move nuc away
- 7. Put inner cover on, notch forward, and shake remaining nuc bees onto inner cover.
- 8. Put feeder stuff and box on, then lid.



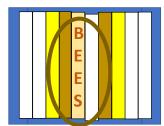
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Day 1 Config of Nuc Install:

Baggie or Quart Jar





Entrance Reducer No draft through screened bottom board

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Your Growing Hive

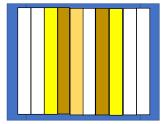
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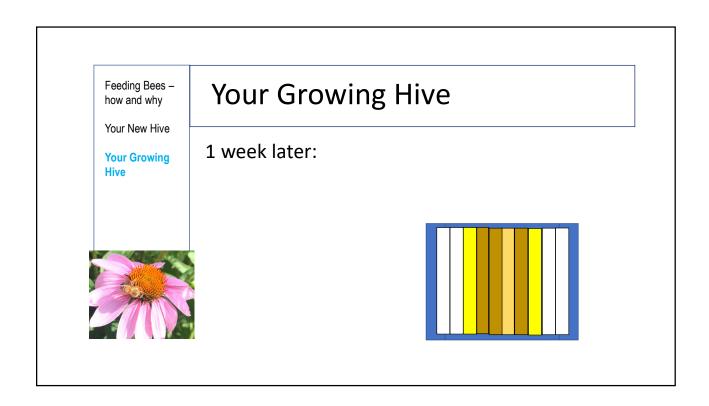
Package Hive 3-4 weeks later will catch up with Nuc!

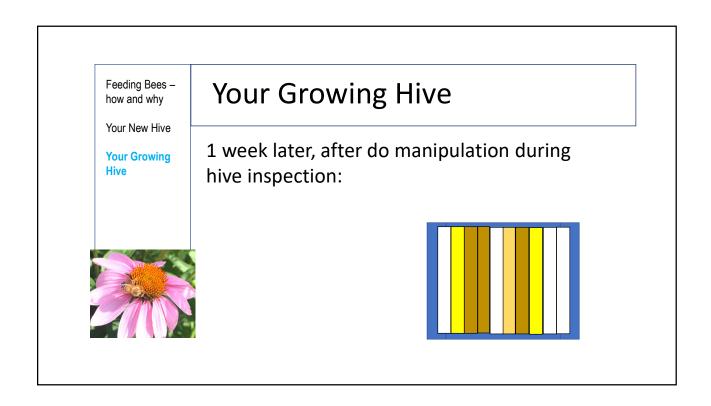
Then Package Hive ready for first manipulation:

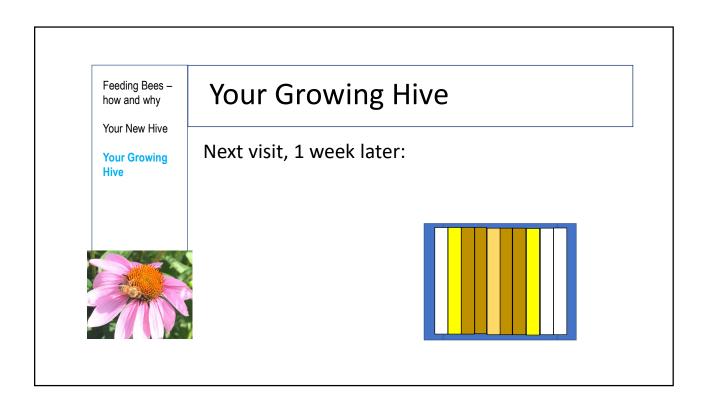
move undrawn frame to middle.

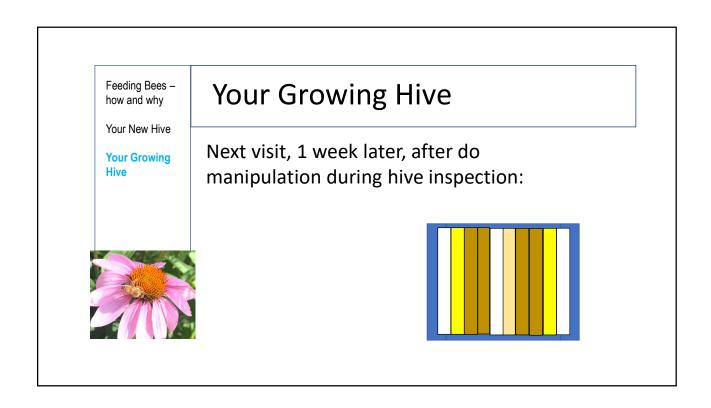
Then manage Package Hive just like Nuc.

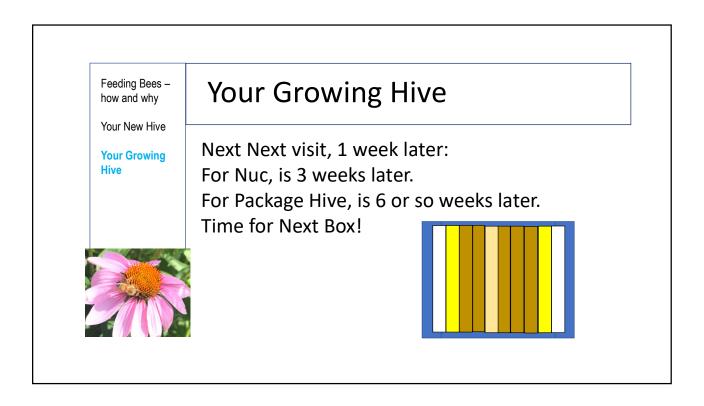


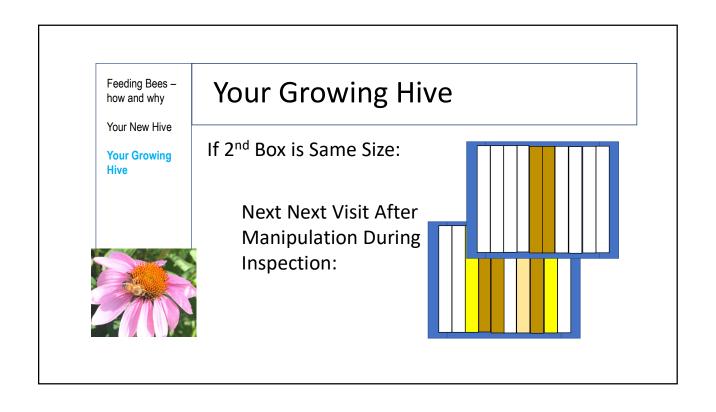


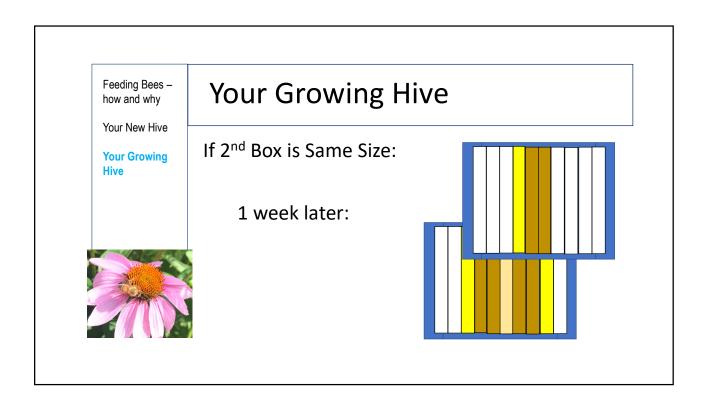


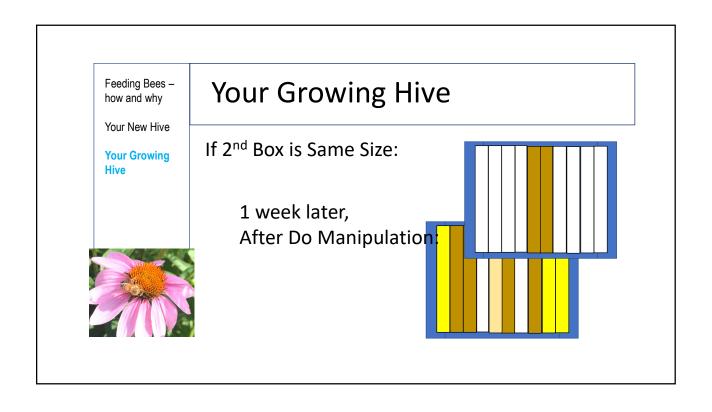


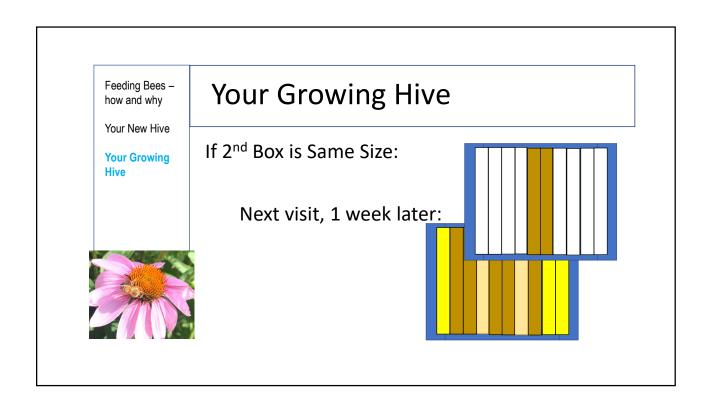


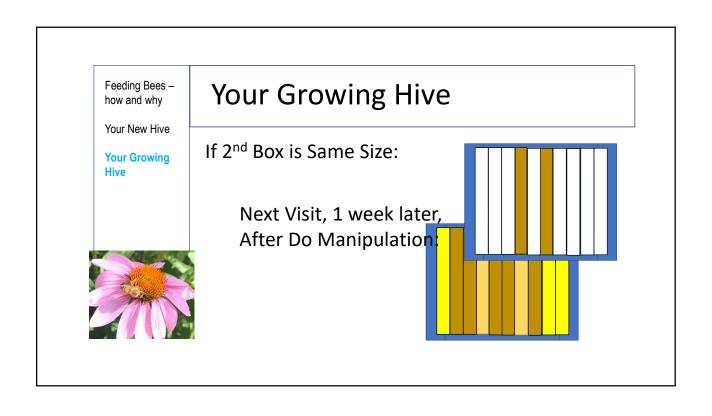


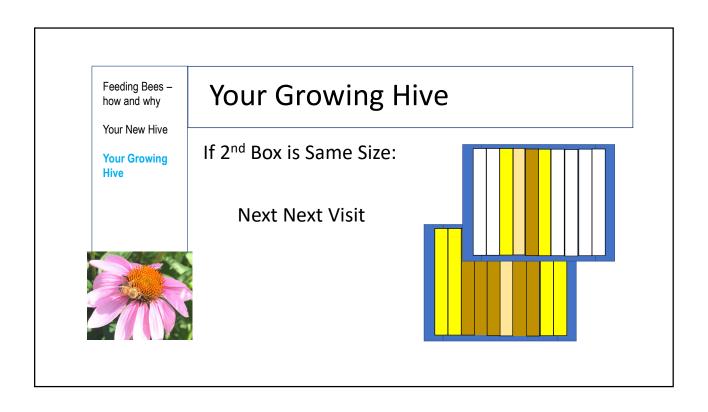


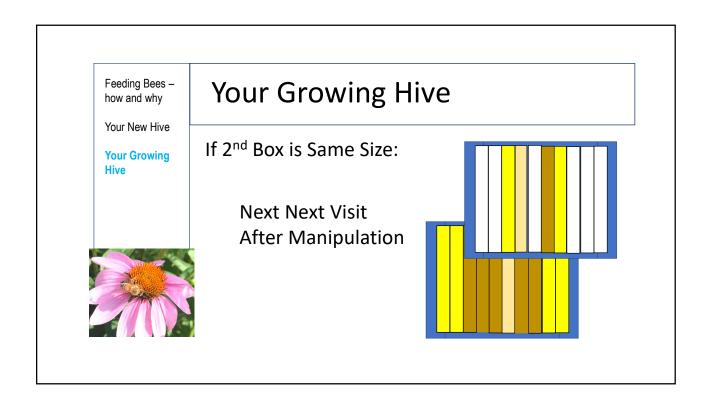


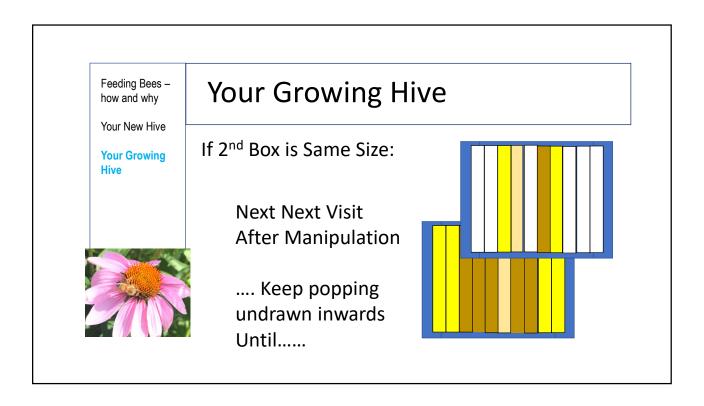


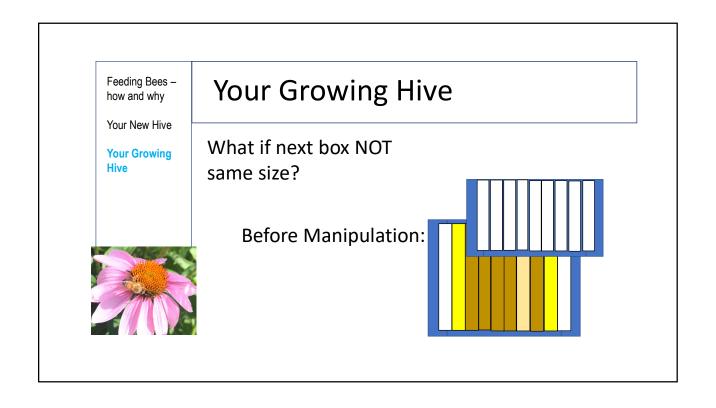


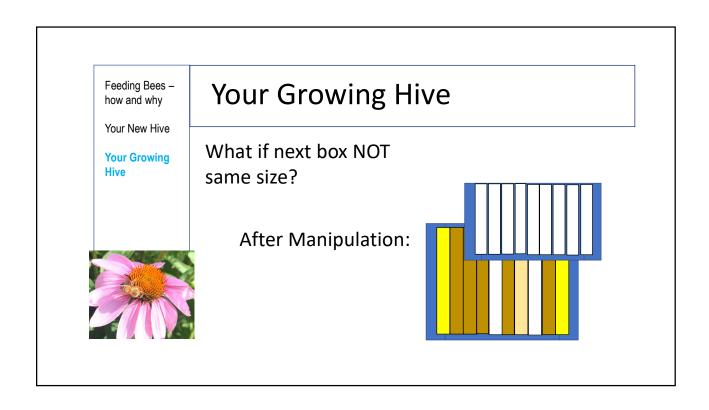


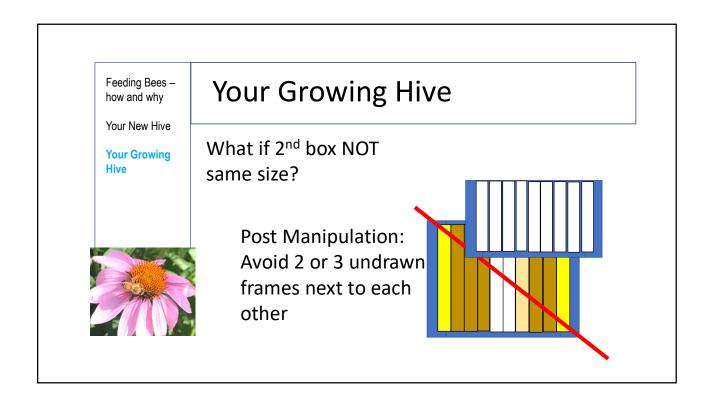


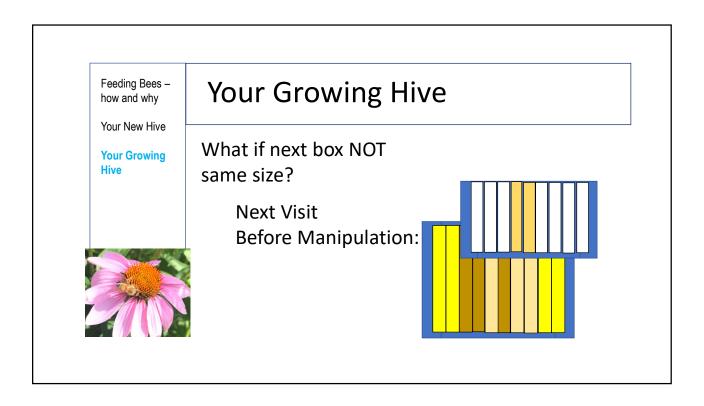


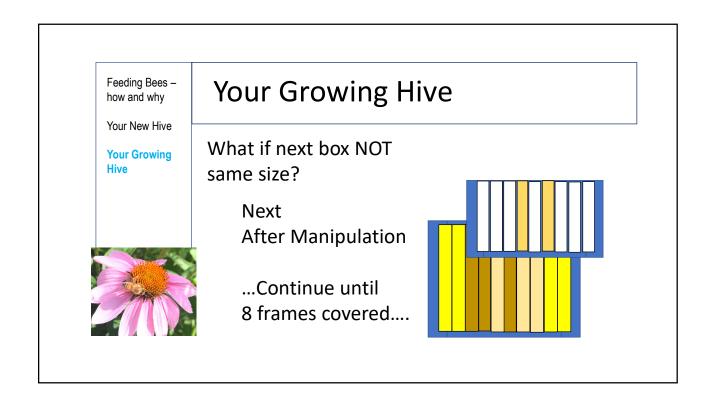








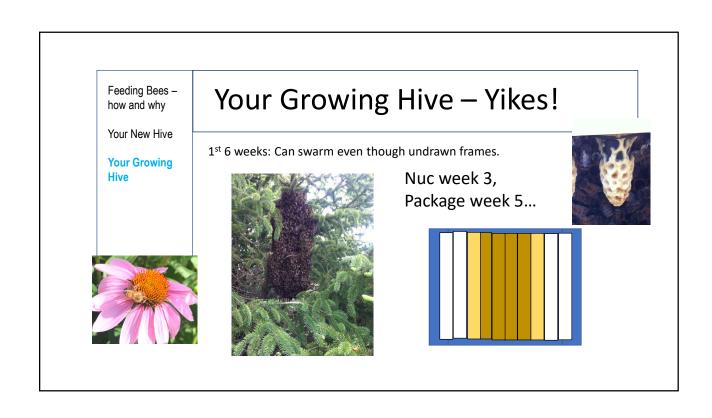


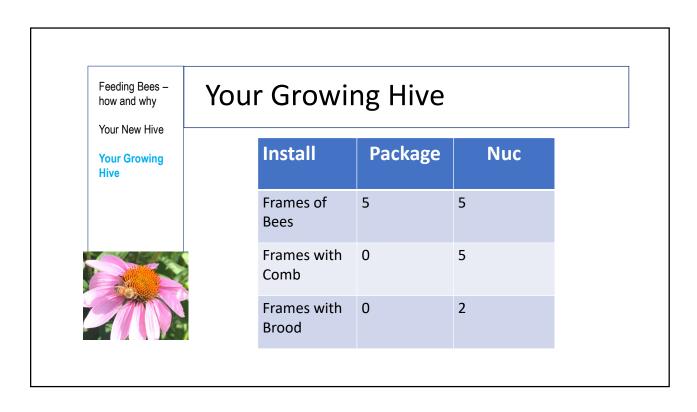


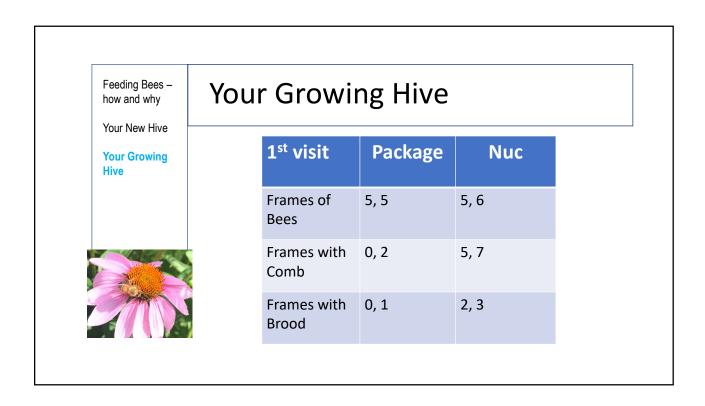


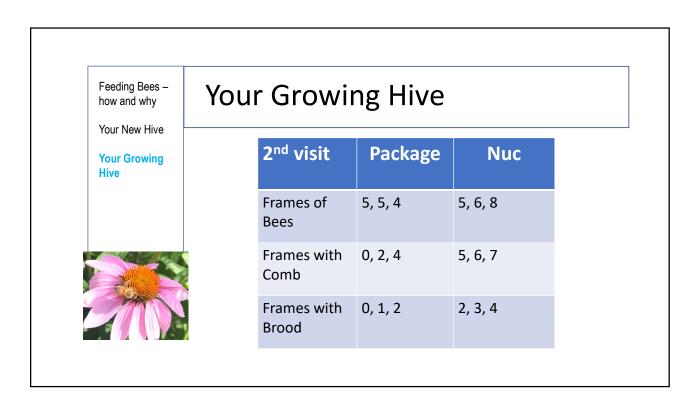
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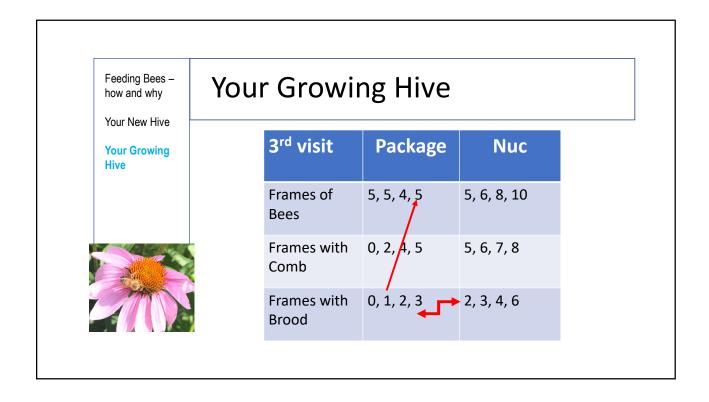
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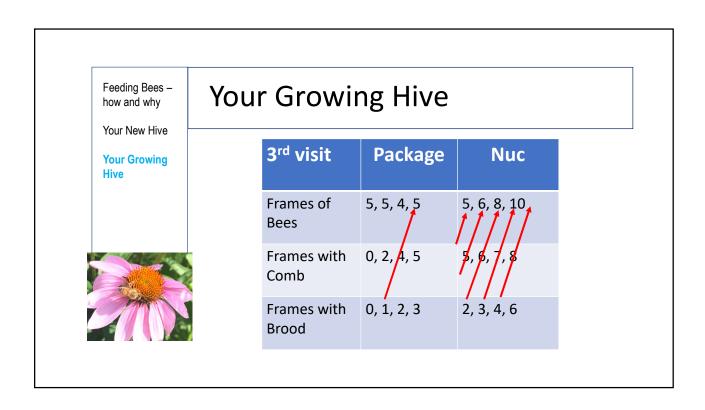


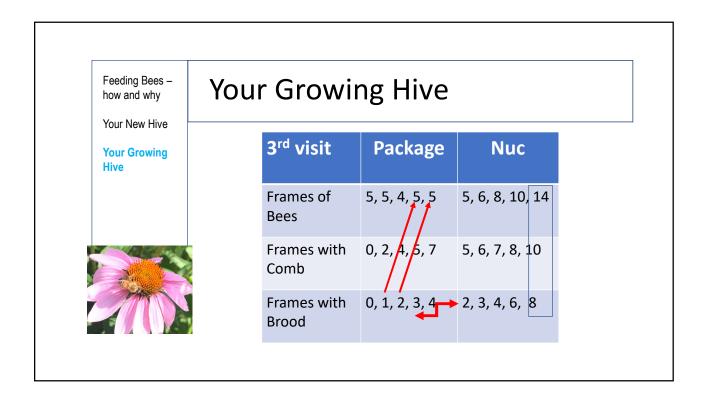












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Next Week: Bee Lifeway

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