

Basic Beekeeping Course Test Yourself

Session 5 - WINTER CARE

1	What is the latest date that bees should have been given their winter feed?	
2	What weight of stores should be sufficient for a full size colony to come through the winter?	
3	What strength of syrup should be made up for the autumn feed?	
4	List four things you would do to a hive to make it well ventilated for the bees inside during winter.	
5	What are the signs that show a colony has died of starvation?	
6	What is "Isolation starvation" and how can it occur?	
7	List three pests that can disrupt a colony of honeybees after the autumn feed and into winter? What can be done to protect the bees?	
8	How is it thought that bees control a)the cluster temperature b) their individual temperatures in winter?	
9	Why are mild winters considered more difficult for honeybees?	
10	Give two reasons why a honeybee will fly from the hive in winter if the weather is suitable. What is approximately the lowest temperature that this will occur?	
11	What rules apply to moving hives in winter?	

Notes & Comments