

KEY FOR RECORD CARD

COLONY #: a unique identifying number assigned to a colony. This is often a combination of an abbreviation for the apiary and a number. For example, colonies kept in the 'UPPER HOUGHTON' yard would be numbered UH1, UH2, UH3,....UHn, where n is the number of colonies in the yard.

DATE: the date that the colony was placed in its current location

CURRENT YEAR: the current year

COMBS FROM: disregard

Mate#: the number assigned to an inseminated queen. Not used for most purposes.

QN TYPE: the type of queen, such as SMR, RUSSIAN, Italian, Carniolan, etc.

FROM: the source where the queen was obtained. Such as Weaver, Wilbanks, etc.

INTRO: the date the queen was introduced to the colony

ACCEPT: the date the queen was found to be accepted in the colony

MARK: an abbreviation for the color used to mark the queen's thorax (Blue, Red, Yellow, etc.). If numbered tags are used, then this could be R45 or Y23.

CLIPPED: use L for left, R for right and U for unclipped. Queens are clipped L if produced in odd years and R if in even years.

REMARKS: anything of interest, including method of introduction

DISPOSAL: the final disposition of the queen (failed, drone layer, superseded, etc.)

BOTTOM PORTION OF CARD IS FOR INSPECTIONS

DATE: the date of the inspection

QN: the Mark of the queen if seen, or U for unmarked, SS for supersedure, NS for not seen, NL for not looked

QUEEN CELLS: SLD: the number of sealed queen cells found

QUEEN CELLS: OPN: the number of open queen cells (cells with larvae, not queen cups)

BROOD: E: a check indicating that eggs were observed, a dash to indicate eggs not observed

BROOD: L: a check indicating that larvae were observed, a dash to indicate larvae not observed

BROOD: P: a check indicating that capped brood was observed, a dash to indicate capped brood was not observed

QLT: the quality of the brood. Various schemes can be used. We use E (excellent), G (good), F (fair) and P (poor). Excellent and good require no special attention. Fair should be re-examined to determine if further action is needed. P requires queen replacement.

QNT: an indication of the quantity of brood present. Various schemes can be used. The approximate number of combs of brood can be indicated (1, 210, etc.). Alternatively, one can use the E, G, F and P system above.

STR: an indication of the strength of the colony in terms of worker population. Various schemes can be used. The approximate number of combs of bees can be indicated (1, 210, etc.). Alternatively, one can use the E, G, F and P system above.

TMP: the number of stings received.

FRM: the number of frames present. We track the number of frames in brood nest and in the honey supers (BN/HS: 20/40, or 10/20, or 20/0, etc.).

DIS: an indication of any diseases found and the severity of each.

REMARKS: anything of interest, including anything that needs to be done for the colony (drone layer, requeen), any actions you took (added 2 deeps of supers, applied Apistan, pulled honey, etc.)

BY: initials of person inspecting the hive.