

Colony inspection checklist					
Apiary name:				Inspection date & time:	
Colony ID:				Weather/temp (general):	
Purpose/reasons for today's inspection:					
Pre-inspection tip test: relative weight compared to last inspection:				Heavier	
				Lighter	
				About the same	
Pollen gathering?				Add pollen sub?	
Nectar gathering?				Add syrup?	
Queenright?		Yes		Queen cells?	
		No			
		Action taken			
				Swarm	
				Supersedure	
				Emergency	
Development times for honey bees					
Development (days)		Queen		Worker	
Egg hatches after:		3		3	
Cells capped after:		8		8	
Adults emerge after:		16		21	
Evidence of eggs & larvae?				Worker brood in all stages?	
Space for honey:		Okay		Space for brood production:	
		Add a super			
				Okay	
				Add drawn comb	
Inspection for diseases					
Varroa mite count: (Alcohol wash preferred)				Varroa management action taken:	
Evidence of open brood diseases:		European foulbrood		Evidence of capped brood diseases:	
		Chalkbrood			
		Sac brood			
				American Foulbrood (AFB)	
				Parasitic Mite Syndrome (PMS)	
Vermont statute requires that all cases of AFB must be reported to VAAFM. Call the State Pollinator Health Specialist/Apiculturist if you suspect you have AFB.					
Evidence of virus symptoms:		K-wing		Evidence of external pests (skunks, bears, mice):	
		Deformed wings			
		Hairless or "greasy"		Voltage on electric fence:	
		Poor locomotion/paralysis			
		Brood deformities			
		Uncapped brood			

Fall and winter inspections			
Late summer and fall inspections (prepping your colony for winter)			
Weather conditions:	Has there been an extended drought that would diminish colony size?		Feed pollen sub starting Aug. 1.
Mouse guards installed 9/1:			
Mid-September hive weight:		Target hive weight for winter:	
Action taken if underweight:			
Winter inspections			