



HCBC Monthly Meetings Summary

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June 7, 2016

Location: Test station

We started with the raffle.

Bill Skelton discussed what is blooming and extended, the odd nectar flow – 1 to 3 weeks early, and if people are getting any honey and he also discussed the grant and extraction facility

- Linda, who works for the extension, talked about the funds and where they came from: "Got to Bee", NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, and WNC committees who wanted to support beekeepers and bees in WNC.
- Caleb, superintendent of the Research Station, says the NC Dept. of Agriculture supports agriculture and people and educate 50% on beef cattle and 50% on crops. The Dept. of Agriculture is the largest industry in NC. He discussed pollinators and they started an incentive program to help pollinators and promote farmland preservation. There is a pollinator patch on down the road.
- Tyree talked about using or not using a queen excluder. Basswood is the summer honey

The members were then given a tour and shown the honey extractor and equipment. This year there is no charge to extract honey. Next year we will need income to use the extractor. The club has a radical extractor that can be rented for 3 days for \$25.

Members left after they toured the Honey House

Meeting adjourned

Next beekeepers meeting is June 7 at the Lodge at the back of the Mountain Test Farm.

Vicki Morrison
Haywood County Beekeepers Secretary