

Goals of Hive Management

- *Confirm that there is always:*
 - *Adequate food in hive or supplemental sources available if needed*
 - *A laying queen is present*
 - *Brood (developing bees) in all stages*
 - *Comb being drawn out (as the colony grows and boxes and frames are added if needed)*
- *Watch for the abnormal, including disease or parasite problems.*
- *Watch for queen problems, often related to absence of the queen.*
- *Watch for signs of swarming in the spring & perform tasks to slow swarming.*
- *Add honey supers when needed – timing is important*

Beekeeping tips from Phil Craft

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