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Entomologist reports 1992-93 survey of winter bee colony losses in Oregon

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All beekeepers face the problem of colony losses during the winter period. Within the past eight years, winter losses would appear to have increased in the Pacific Northwest. Most beekeepers would assign a great deal of the "blame" for these losses on the presence of two honeybee mite parasites. Both arrived in Oregon in the 1980s:

- The honeybee tracheal mite *Acarapis woodi* was first discovered in Jackson County in October 1985.
- The Asian brood mite *Varroa jacobsoni* was identified in Malheur County in October 1989.

These mites are now wide-spread throughout the state. All beekeepers need to be concerned about controlling both parasites within their respective colonies.

Colony losses outside of the winter period that are consistent with severe *Varroa* infestations are now commonly being reported.

Losses for commercial beekeepers during the winter of 1992-93 proved to be the lowest of any year for the past five years of this survey: The average loss for commercial colonies was 17 percent and for non-commercial, 33 percent.

• Tables 1 and 2 summarize the living colony numbers for the time periods 1 October 1992 to 1 March 1993 for both groups.

• Table 3 summarizes the results of the past five winters.

For commercial colonies the winter 1992-93 revealed the least amount of winter kill experienced during the five-year period. The

range between years is quite small for commercial colonies, with a five-year average of 20.4 percent.

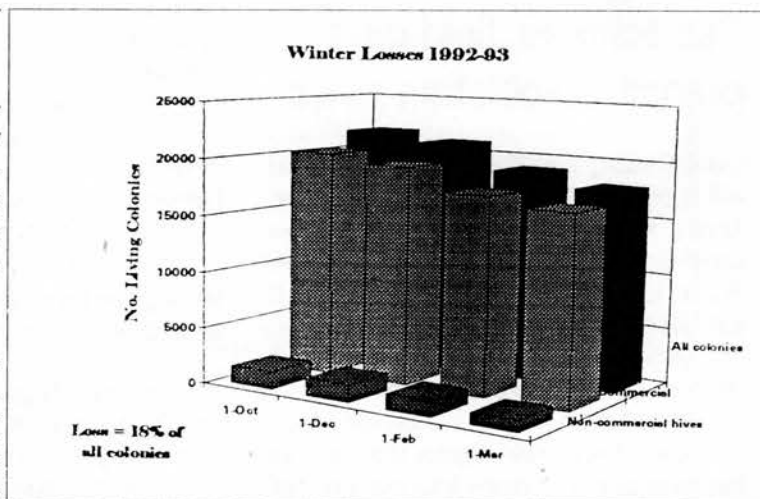
For 1992/93, non-commercial colonies experienced their highest loss during the five-year survey period, but the annual average of 19.6 percent for the five-year period is very close to that experienced by commercial bee operations.

In an editorial in the October 1993 issue of *Bee Culture* magazine, an average winter loss of 15 percent was reported for all of U.S. beekeeping. The dates behind this figure were reportedly gathered before parasitic mites became widespread. Unfortunately, there are very few studies on "average" winter loss for the U.S. at large, or for any given regions or individual states.

Assuming the pre-mite 15 percent U.S. winter loss figure is at least reasonable, our annual regional average of 20 percent ... based on five years of survey ... would suggest that losses have only increased approximately 5 percent, most probably mite-related. This is still a 33 percent increase from the days before parasitic mites were among us.

Once again, I wish to thank all who took the time and effort to provide us with winter loss figures and hope they will be able to continue to do so in the future as we chart our way through the conflicts with tracheal and varroa mites.

Editor's note: Eighteen commercial beekeepers (owning 300 or more colonies), and 19 non-commercial beekeepers (less than 300 colonies), responded to the OSU winter-loss survey. See graphs on page 3.



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President's message:

Welcome to another season of beekeeping. It's the start of another rough year since many of us came through winter with colony losses. We're going to have to lick our wounds. We'll have to try harder to maintain what bees we do have. Those with heavy losses will have to start from scratch.

Let's look forward to a good spring and summer. Work hard on trying to maintain healthy hives. Make sure you do everything properly and on time ... particularly in the treatment of the varroa mite.

Keep an eye on their bees. If you don't know what you're looking for, call Dr. Burgett at OSU or talk to a local beekeeper. Check with members of your local association and get all the information you can.

A lot of good information will be given out at our spring meeting on Saturday, May 21 in Corvallis. It will be a field day hosted by the Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association. This will be a good opportunity to learn about research at OSU, talk to other beekeepers and iron out some of your problems. So plan to attend.

Willamette Valley and Lane County beekeepers both plan educational events this spring. Check the calendar below for dates and more information.

The annual OSBA picnic is scheduled for the second Sunday in August - August 14 — the location to be determined. The fall meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn at Lincoln City with a hospitality program Friday evening, Dec. 3, and the general meeting and banquet Saturday, Dec. 4. Come and cluster with your beekeeping friends.

John Mespelt

Mark your calendar**Bee schools, field days, branch association news**

Lane County Beekeepers Association will sponsor a Bee School on Saturday, April 2 in the Extension Building at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 950 W. 13th St., in Eugene. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The school runs through 5:30 p.m. The registration fee includes a book on keeping bees. Fees are \$15 for one person or \$20 for a couple. Lunch will be on your own. Local beekeepers will conduct the sessions. For more information, call Bill King, 1-503-746-3839.

Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association will offer a complete course in modern beekeeping at 7:30 p.m. each Monday, April 11, 18 and 25 in Room 104, Building 40 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Colton beekeeper George Hansen will be the instructor. The \$20 fee includes a book, all class materials and for non-members, a year's membership in the Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association

and subscription to the branch association's newsletter. Members whose dues are paid will be charged \$7.50. More information is available from WVBA President Walt Nichol, 3100 Turner Road, Space 408, Salem, Or. 97303. Or call Walt at 1-503-585-5705.

Mark your calendar for these OSBA and other beekeeping events:

- Spring meeting/field day: Saturday, May 21 in Corvallis. More information in April newsletter.
- Annual Summer Picnic: Sunday, August 14, site to be announced. Any ideas? Call OSBA President John Mespelt, 1-503-926-1850.
- Annual Fall Convention: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, The Shilo Inn, Lincoln City.
- American Beekeeping Federation: Jan. 19-23, 1995, Marriott Hotel, Austin, Texas
- Apimondia (International Beekeeping Congress): Summer, 1995: Switzerland.

Winter loss survey tables

1 October 1992	1 December 1992	1 February 1993	1 March 1993
20,215	19,491	17,532	16,711

Table 2 Non-Commercial Hives - Living Colonies by Date

1 October 1992	1 December 1992	1 February 1993	1 March 1993
1,576	1,559	1,409	1,056

Table 3 - Average Colony Winter Loss 1989 - 1993

Year	Commercial Loss %	Non-Commercial Loss %	Number of colonies in survey
1993	17%	33%	21,791
1992	22	13	17,418
1991	19	17	20,624
1990	21	22	25,352
1989	22	13	10,812
AVERAGE	20.4 ± 1.8%	19.6 ± 8.4%	

SUMMARY Winter Loss 1992-93:

	Commercial (>300) beekeeper	Non-Commercial (<300) beekeeper
Average # of Colonies on Oct. 1, 1992	1,123	83
Average # of Colonies on Mar. 1, 1993	932	56
Average Colony Loss	191 (17%)	27 (33%)
Total Colonies in survey	20,215	1,576
Total Colony Loss	3,444	520
No. beekeepers responding	18	19

Branch association news

Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association: The Bee Line apologizes for not including 1994 WVBA officers in the last issue. Not sure what happened to that piece of paper. The officers are Walt Nichol, re-elected as president; Laurence Bower, new vice president; Fritz Skirvin, treasurer; Phil Clites, hospitality; George Hansen, bee school, and Ron Bennett, secretary and newsletter editor. The association meets on the fourth Monday each month in Room 102, Building 40 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. During April, the group will sponsor a beekeeping course and will host the OSBA field day in May. See calendar on page 2. (Addresses and phone numbers for the officers are included in the Bee Line's "Who's Who" directory on page 11.)

Lane County Beekeepers Association: Member Bill King said Varroa mites killed about half of his 72 colonies. He and Gene Garner are making a trip to California to bring back 400 packages for their operations and other beekeepers. The group will conduct a bee school on April 2. Bill said he's had inquiries from as far away as California. (See page 2 calendar.)

Coos County Beekeepers Association: It's nice to receive newsletters from the branch associations. President Gordon Starr also writes the association's newsletter. Starr included a note with his copy of the newsletter: "Thank you for producing The Bee Line. It is interesting and well-thought out. I know that takes a lot of time and effort on your part, and I wish to let you know that your efforts are appreciated. Enclosed is a copy of our local newsletter. It is only four pages, but put out on a monthly basis with only a typewriter and no help, it still takes me quite a bit of time, so obviously I can appreciate your efforts."

Starr's fellow officers are Steve McGuire, vice president, and Pete DeMain, secretary-treasurer. Members meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday each month in the Coos County Annex in Coquille.

According to Starr, the association increased its dues to \$9 per year, plus \$1 for each family member. This was necessary to cover costs of the newsletter (75 cents per issue), meeting costs and to continue a "woodenware" project which included buying a dado blade. So far this year, volunteers Al Berklund, Bruce Yeager, Steve McGuire, Walt Price and Starr have spent two Saturdays making beekeeping equipment and turned out some "quality goods." Berklund apparently is the master woodworker. Wouldn't it be interesting to have a report on this project at a state beekeepers meeting?

Editor's comments

Almond Pollination Handbook: Between the 1950s and '80s, California's almond industry went from 90,000 to 400,000 acres. About 800,000 colonies are needed to pollinate the nuts. About half come from out-of-state ... including many from the state of Oregon. Now Joe Traynor, who operates a pollination and agricultural consulting service in Bakersfield, Ca., has written a handbook said to be helpful to beekeepers as well as growers. To order, send \$7 to Kovak Books, P.O. Box 1422, Bakersfield, Ca. 93302.

The Bee Lines: OSBA'S *The Bee Line* was founded in 1975. Don't recall who suggested it (I was the first editor) but it seemed to be an appropriate title. Now there are at least two other Bee Line newsletters: The (state of) Maine Bee Line and The Bee Line of the Austin Area Honeybee Stewards, published in Georgetown, Texas. It's also the name of a business: I saw a magazine ad for hand-dipped beeswax candles for sale by The Bee Line in Onego, West Virginia.

By the way, those Austin-area beekeepers and Texas Honey Queen Christy Oakley were pretty excited at the recent American Beekeeping Federation in Orlando, Fla. The federation plans to hold its 52nd annual meeting Jan. 19-23, 1995, in Austin, the capital of Texas.

National bee convention may come West: The subject of coming West in 1996 -- to Oregon or Washington -- came up at Orlando. ABF doesn't often come to the Northwest. The convention was held in Seattle in 1983, and in Portland in 1969. On behalf of the OSBA executive committee, past president Marjorie Ehry is checking out Portland as a possibility and has been talking with ABF secretary Troy Fore. Marge, who is president of Oregon Women for Agriculture, has already done the initial work to bring the American Agri Women to the Rose City.

An unusual beehive: Wyatt Mangum of Raleigh, N.C., wrote an article about an unusual beehive for the January 1994 *Bee Culture* magazine. Mangum found what looked like a Victorian-style doll house in an old barn. Then he discovered traces of beeswax and holes at the top. He said he spent "90 careful hours" restoring the ornate hive. Mangum is interested in locating and preserving other rare hives for a beekeeping museum. If you know of any, write: Wyatt Mangum, Department of Entomology, North Carolina State University, Box 7626, Raleigh, NC 27695-7626.

IBRA dues/information: The International Bee Research Association (IBRA) has raised its annual dues to \$50 per year for individual members. IBRA is a non-profit organization formed in 1949 to advance apiculture education and science worldwide. It is open to anyone interested in bees and beekeeping or concerned about environmentally sound development. Membership includes a subscription to *Bee World*, special prices on publications and information service, use of the library ... if you happen to be in Wales ... as well as voting privileges. Applications are available from The Bee Line, 1033 Gibson Hill Road N.W., Albany, Or. 97321. For more information write: IBRA, 18 North Road, Cardiff, CF1 3DY, UK. Phone 44-222-372409, FAX. 44-222-665522.

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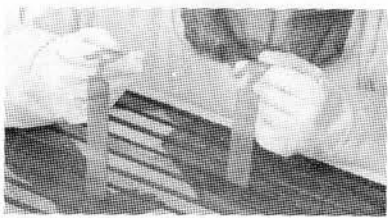
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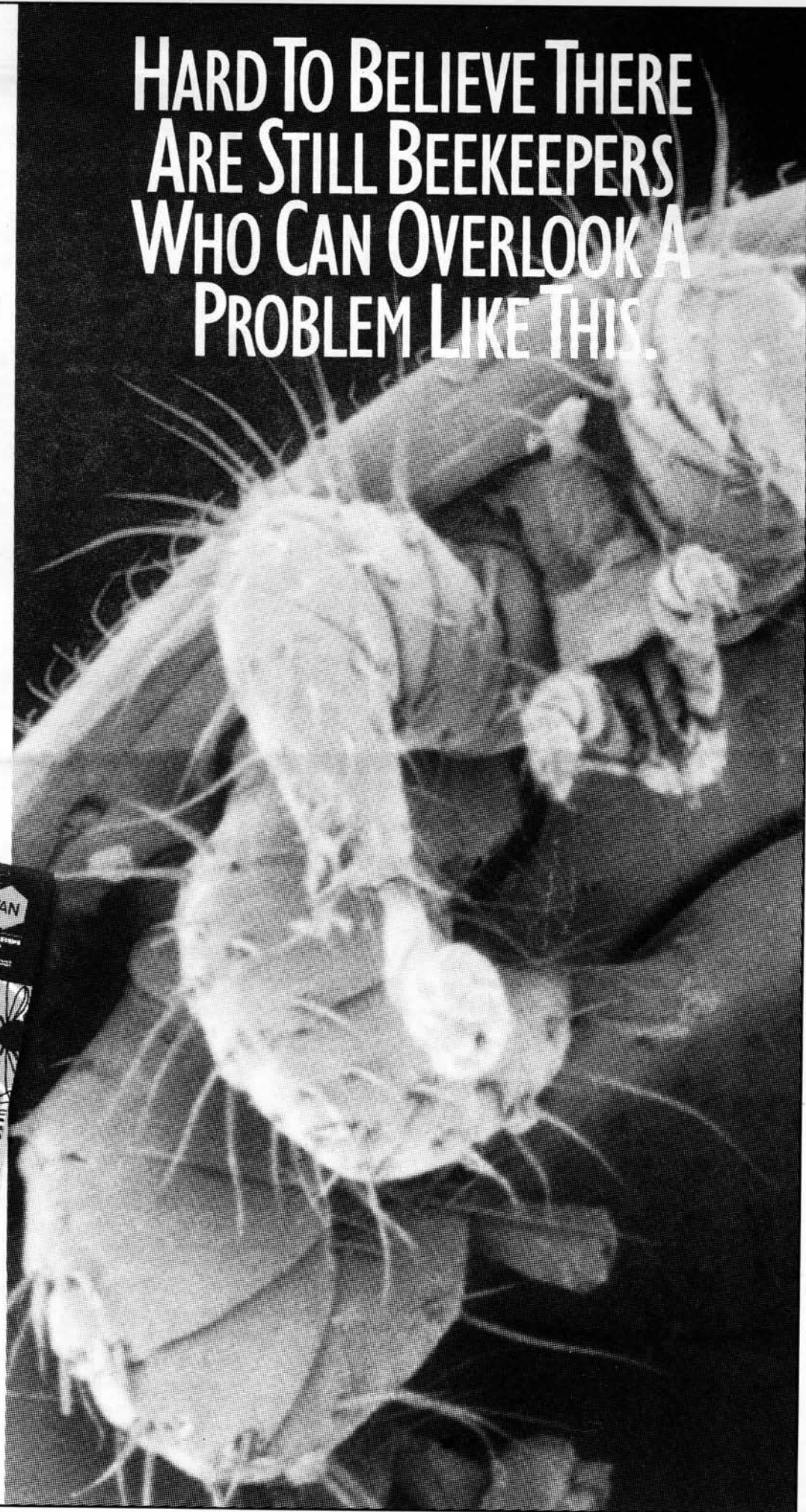


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Why beekeepers need to keep in touch with all beekeeping

We are trying to make sure we have the correct addresses for mailings of the *The Bee Line* and other information and publications of interest to beekeepers in Oregon. We hope the list of branch association officers is now correct and that meeting places are current.

It would be helpful to have a list of members of the branch associations or beekeepers in those vicinities. From time to time, when there are special events or to let all beekeepers know about a beekeeping problem, OSBA sends *The Bee Line* to non-members.

There are many reasons for keeping in touch with the Oregon State Beekeepers Association. The organization represents every beekeeper. Currently, there are problems with mites infesting bees, the possibility of the Africanized bee reaching the Northwest, changes in apiary laws and registration with the State of Oregon, and problems such as pesticides, prices of honey and pollination services.

Beekeeping goes beyond the borders of Oregon: If this were not so, we would not be faced with the problem of imported honey that does not meet U.S. standards. Or the Varroa mite, which I am told came to Oregon via North Dakota bees which had been taken to Florida where the mite was picked up, then moved to California for almond pollination, where the Oregon bees became infested. For this reason, it's important to know what goes on throughout the nation. On the national level, the American Beekeeping Federation and American Honey Producers speak for all beekeepers. They testify at Congressional hearings.

By the way, the Varroa mite was discovered by and is named for a Dutchman, and was prevalent in Europe before it found its way to the U.S. The British have fought the tracheal mite for years. And, the Africanized bees originated in Africa.

So, beekeeping is international. Apimondia, the international beekeeping congress, meets every two years around the world. It met at the University of Maryland in 1967 and in Mexico in 1981. Apiculturists and beekeepers present the latest research findings and how to solve the problems of that face beekeepers throughout the world. And beekeepers from around the world gather.

These problems effect people who keep bees for a hobby as well as those who keep bees commercially. The best way to keep in touch is through your branch association, the second-best is the state association. Others reach beyond ... to the national and even the international.

- - Connie Petty, *The Bee Line* editor

Honey board's new cookbook now available

The National Honey Board's new cookbook should be at the top the list of new books related to the beekeeping industry. It's a bargain for the public and more so for beekeepers who'd like to sell copies along with their honey and bee products.

"Sweetened with Honey - The Natural Way" is already for sale at some supermarkets. The retail price is \$2.95. Sample copies are available by mail at \$2.50. Beekeepers and beekeeping associations can purchase copies for resale or gifts as follows: 10 - 99 copies, \$1.75 each; 100 or more, \$1.25 each.

The 96-page cookbook contains more than 100 recipes and is illustrated throughout with colored photographs. Sections include beverages, salads and dressings, breads and spreads, entrees and sauces, side dishes, and desserts using honey as the sweetener; a section on the value and uses of honey, and how to substitute honey for other sweetening agents and a section on gifts of honey.

For a sample copy, send \$2.50 check or money order to: National Honey Board, Department BK P.O. Box 7760 Marshfield, Wi. 54449. To order 10 or more, please send check or money order to: Cookbook, National Honey Board, 421 21st Avenue, Suite 203, Longmont, CO. 80501. Phone 1-800-356-5941

Why the National Honey Board cannot support the 'American Honey' program

The U.S. beekeeping industry is facing a number of challenges, not the least of which is declining profits. Among the economic problems is the influx of lower-priced imported honey.

The National Honey Board is often asked, "Why aren't you working to promote United States honey only?"

Sherry Jennings, NHB industry relations director, answers this question in an "open letter to U.S. honey producers." According to Jennings, the answer is both simple and complex: The most concise is that the honey board cannot sponsor a "Buy American Honey" promotion.

The Honey Research, Promotion Consumer Information Act ... which Congress enacted to establish the National Honey Board ... will not allow the board to discriminate between domestic and imported honey.

The Honey Research, Promotion and Consumer Information Order states:

- The assessment on imported honey and honey products shall be paid by the importer at the time of entry into the United States and shall be remitted to the National Honey Board.

- This Act treats foreign producers equitably, and nothing in the Act may be construed as a trade barrier to honey produced in foreign countries.

There's more to the "American Only" promotion: There are market orders for the honey industry to consider.

- Those who live in rural, agricultural communities can see the value of promoting American products ... it's an issue that is important to us. The vast urban populous, however, does not feel that way.

- Consumer research indicates that "American Only" promotion may not be very effective. Consumers are not inclined to think about where a product comes from. Just ask yourself about the last time you bought grapes. Did you buy Chilean grapes or California grapes?

- Loss of the importer assessment would reduce advertising and promotion money available for domestic honey. If only U.S. honey is

promoted, it would be equitable to eliminate the assessment of imported honey.

- Imported honey accounts for 37 percent of all assessments. If NHB promotes U.S. honey only, this income would be lost. Eliminating imported honey from the promotion program also would eliminate the import assessment and would give imported honey a cost advantage of one cent per pound. Imports would still have some of the benefits of the promotion program without "paying the fare."

- While generic advertising does benefit domestic and imported honey, the domestic industry benefits from additional advertising and promotion dollars: Domestic producers have more advertising "buying power" in leading consumer magazines. The honey board is able to provide significant public relations programs to reach more honey consumers and provide more honey merchandising materials for beekeepers. The result of advertising and promotion is a growing market for domestic honey in the U.S. and world-wide.

The honey board does not have the solution for every problem facing the honey industry. It focuses on part of the solution: increased demand. The board works diligently to serve the industry by strengthening the position of honey in the marketplace and maintaining, developing and expanding the market for honey and honey products.

According to the report, this was the original mandate from U.S. beekeepers and is the policy that continues to guide the board's actions.

The National Honey Board is working to drive demand for honey as part of a cooperative industry effort to ensure a good livelihood and a bright future for all beekeepers.

If you'd like to comment about information in the "open letter," write: National Honey Board, No. 203, 421 21st Avenue, Longmont, Colo. 80501-1421, or call 1-800-553-7162. (Remember Colorado is one hour ahead of the West Coast.)

Honey goes to Food Export Showcase: Invites exporters to share exhibit booth

The National Honey Board will participate in the 1994 U.S. Food Export Showcase May 1-4 in Chicago.

The showcase, sponsored by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, is held in conjunction with the Food Marketing Institute's Supermarket convention.

The Food Export Showcase is the only U.S. trade show supported by the U.S. Foreign Agriculture Service. It brings together more than 200 food manufacturers and some 5,000 buyers from 92 nations.

NHB has arranged for space to promote U.S. honey and has invited potential honey exporters, at no charge, to display products and promotional materials in the booth. Interested exporters should call Linda Hampel at 1-800-553-7162.



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REGIONAL BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

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