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# SPRING HIVE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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## **Spring Hive Inspection**

- After the really cold days of winter have passed, and any danger of freezing has passed, take off any insulation you may have put around your bee hives. Wait until it is over 50° and not cloudy or windy!
- Inspect your hive
  - Look at your bees. Do you see pollen on any of their legs? If you do, that means you are queen right and she is laying eggs. They are gathering pollen to feed the brood.
  - Pull out frames
    - Do you see any eggs and brood?
    - Do you see pollen and/or honey?
    - You may see your queen
  - If one or more of your hive boxes feels heavy, it most likely has honey still stored but that doesn't mean you shouldn't give your bees sugar water
  - Pull off top box and look through the bottom frames
- Take the bottom box off the bottom board and clean off the bottom board really well
- Reassemble the hive
- Add a pollen patty
- Provide sugar water
- Keep filling sugar water containers until the honey flow is on