



Regina & District Bee Club

Drawn Comb Program

The Club operates a Drawn Comb Program, where members can exchange new frames and foundation for drawn out comb that has been provincially inspected.

What is Drawn Comb and what is it used for?

Placing new bees into a new beehive with all new frames and foundation is not a good practice. The bees will not enjoy their new home, and are likely to abscond, which means they'll leave, and the beekeeper will be left with an empty hive, and this may cause issues with neighbours. Instead, new beekeepers are encouraged to access drawn comb and place alternating frames of new frames/foundation with drawn comb into any new hive – in brood boxes and honey supers.



*New assembled frames .
and foundation*



*when bees have built wax on
an assembled frame/foundation
it is called Drawn Comb*



How it Works

Beekeepers purchase two new honey supers and fill them with new assembled frames and foundation. Industry standard deep-sized Langstroth equipment must be used, including wooden frames (pine), plastic foundation, standard construction, built with glue and staples. Mann Lake, Apihex, Propolis, Amish, Mahurangi, Lewis are all acceptable brands. Beekeepers then exchange their new equipment with the Club for one honey super filled with drawn comb frames.

Providing Drawn Comb to the Club

Anyone wishing to provide drawn comb into the Club's program must have their hives inspected within the previous year and show zero evidence of American Foulbrood Disease.

To arrange to access or contribute drawn comb to the program, and for instructions on moving drawn comb within the hive, contact Andrew Hamilton hamiltonhoney1@hotmail.com

Note: When equipment or bees are inspected, they are identified as not showing signs of disease. However, there is no guarantee that any equipment does not post a risk of disease transmission. It is essential that beekeepers learn how to inspect hives, be able to identify disease, monitor for disease, and take appropriate actions when disease is found.

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