

## TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

1. As November progresses, you should see less and less brood in your hive. Many hives are completely broodless by late November. However, on warm years, with strong hives, you can still see multiple frames of brood. As temperatures begin to cool, bees will begin drinking less and less syrup. Hopefully your hive already has all the honey/syrup it needs to survive the winter. If not, continue feeding.

2. If your hive still has more than 2 mites per 100 bees, methods such as Oxalic Acid can be effective when used during a broodless or near broodless period.

3. It is good practice to combine any hives that are less than 5 frames of bees. The newspaper method explained in the October hints is an effective way to do so.

4. If you have a screened bottom board, covering is not necessary. However, prevent wind from blowing underneath the hive by blocking off each side of the bottom board.

5. Fortunately, things like insulating hives, providing an upper entrance to prevent condensation, candy boards etc. are not necessary in Texas. Our winters are mild enough that none of these things are usually needed.