

Rain and cool temperatures limit Nectar Flow Nectar flow continues in York, SC

Another cool, wet week limited nectar flows – and this week doesn't look much better.

Thanks to **Richard Warren** and the Aiken Beekeepers Association for getting SC007 online.

During last week, there were more losses than gains, so we will focus on the losses.

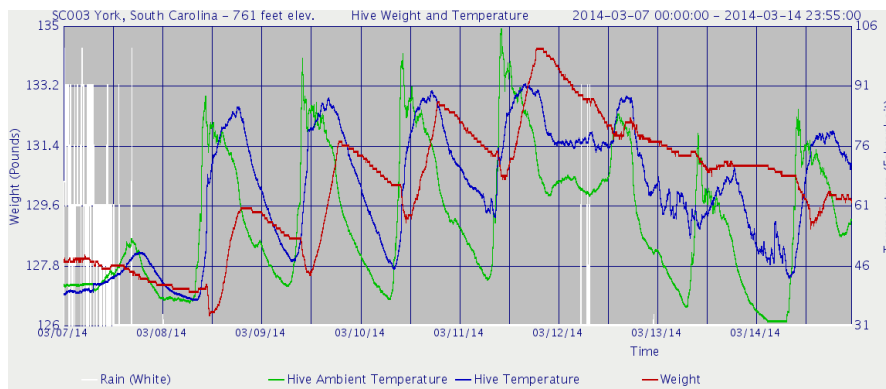
For the last 30 days, Walhalla lost 13 lbs while Awendaw, a smaller hive, lost 7 lbs. Based on the ambient temperatures and weight loss, we should be able to predict the size of the colony

Beware that hive weight can be misleading this time of the year. Honey stores are being diluted with water and fed to larva. The bees can burn through a lot of honey – and the weight of the hive change little. But the composition of the hive is changing radically from frames of honey to frames of brood.

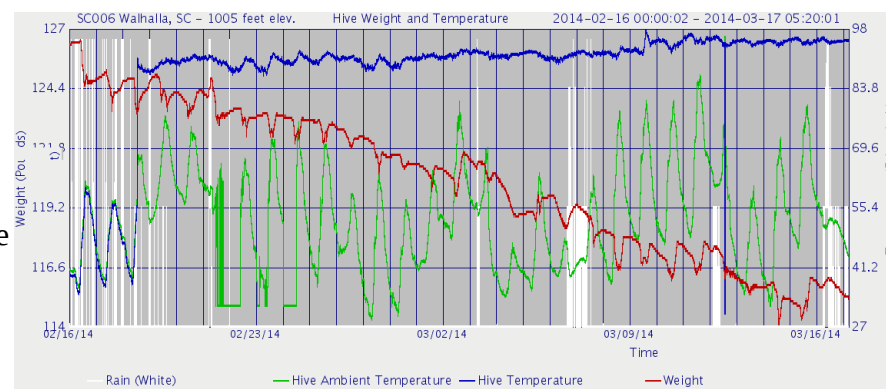
Keep an eye on the colonies and be prepared to feed especially strong ones to keep them from starving.

It is important to have the hives online and gathering data as soon as possible.

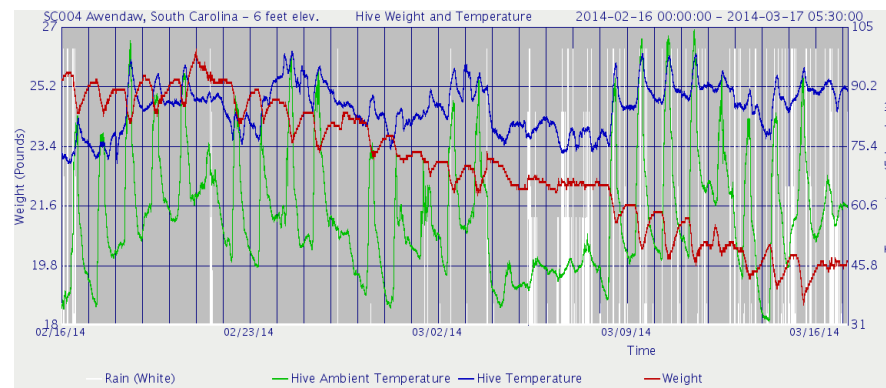
We hope to automate these reports and have them sent out weekly to a mailing list. Until then, if you wish to help, someone is needed to prepare these reports and mail them.



Graph 1: For four days, March 8th -March 12th, York gained 6 lbs until rain and cooler temperatures stopped the nectar flow.



Graph 2: For the last 30 days, Walhalla has had no real gain, and has lost about 13 lbs.



Graph 3: During the last 30 days Charleston, lost about 7 lbs.