

Nectar Flows continue in SE

Good nectar flows continue in parts of the Southeast. Lexington, SC and Athens, GA registered the highest gains last week.

Location	Weight Gain
Lexington, SC	41 lbs
Aiken, SC	7 lbs
Walhalla SC	9 lbs
Rabun Gap, GA	9 lbs
Newnan, GA	4 lbs
Athens, GA	19 lbs

Although Newnan, GA only gained 4 lbs, it looks like either the nectar flow that started on April 23 is continuing after a period of rain and cooler weather or a new nectar flow is starting.

The hives in Charleston, SC and Asheville, NC had small gains. This should be the beginning of significant flows in Asheville

The current flow in northern California is winding down.

In northeast Georgia, a nectar flow is starting. Note the second dip in weight each day in mid afternoon when the temperatures peak. This is orientation flight (playflight). From the loss in weight due to playflight, the health and status of the hive can be estimated.

In Iowa, the hive is losing weight with outside air temperatures running between 36 and 70 but orientation flights occurred yesterday when temperatures reached 70 degrees.

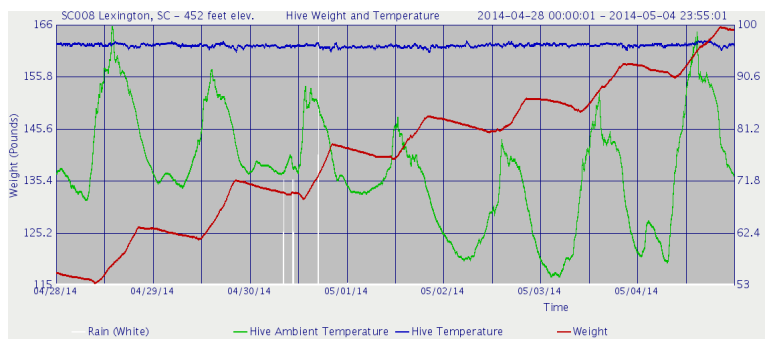


Illustration 1: Lexington, SC gained 41 lbs last week.

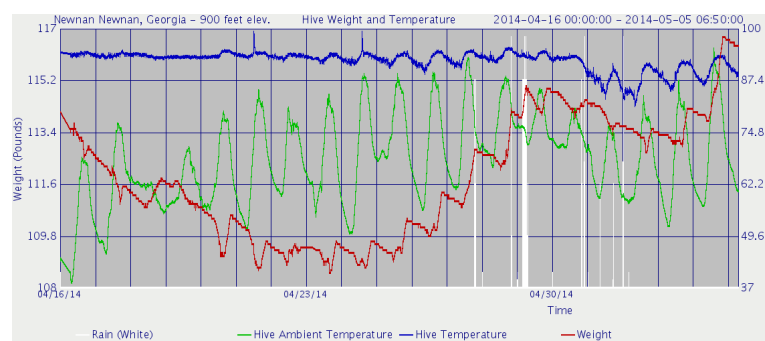


Illustration 2: Last 20 days Newnan, GA.

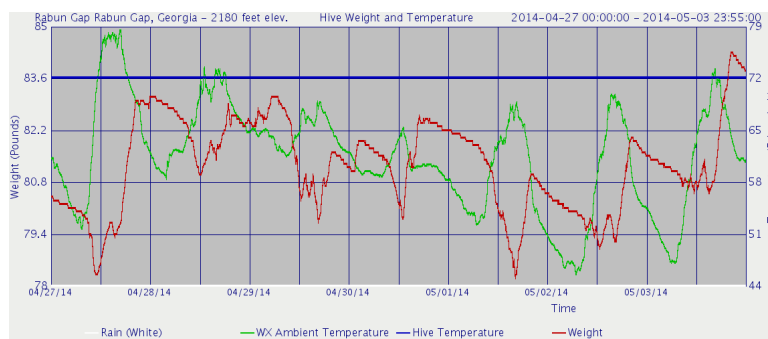


Illustration 3: Rabun Gap. 2nd dip each day is playflight.

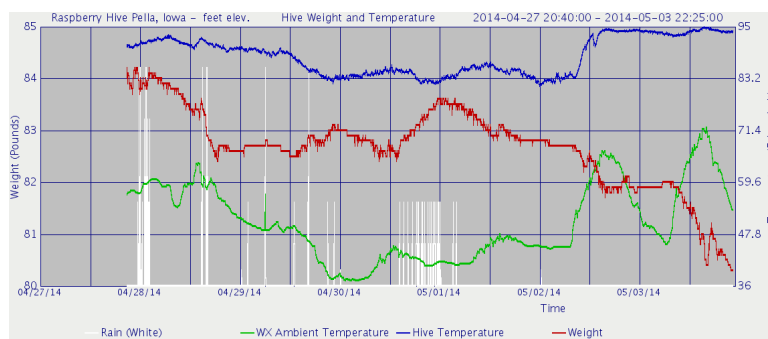


Illustration 4: Orientation flight is just starting.