

Strong Nectar Flows continue in SE

Strong nectar flows continue in parts of the Southeast. Swarms were recoded in Asheville, NC. Lexington, SC and Athens and Rabun Gap, GA registered the highest gains last week.

An attempt was made to compensate for different hive strengths by calculating the percent gain.

Location	Weight Gain	Hive Weight	Percent Gain
Lexington, SC	32 lbs	160	20%
Aiken, SC	10 lbs	82	12%
Charleston, SC	6 lbs	49	12%
Walhalla SC	9 lbs	114	8%
Rabun Gap, GA	28 lbs	108	26%
Newnan, GA	9 lbs	112	8%
Athens, GA	35 lbs	233	15%
Asheville, NC	13 ls	70	18%

Asheville, NC was mixed. One hive gained 18 lbs, the other lost 10 lbs, probably due to two swarms, one on May 1st and another on May 6th.

In northern California, something is coming in but it seems to have a high water content as it is mostly evaporating each night. Doppelbienen is gaining 4 to 5 lbs a day but has only gained 5 lbs the last week.



Illustration 1: Blackberry in Rabun County, GA.

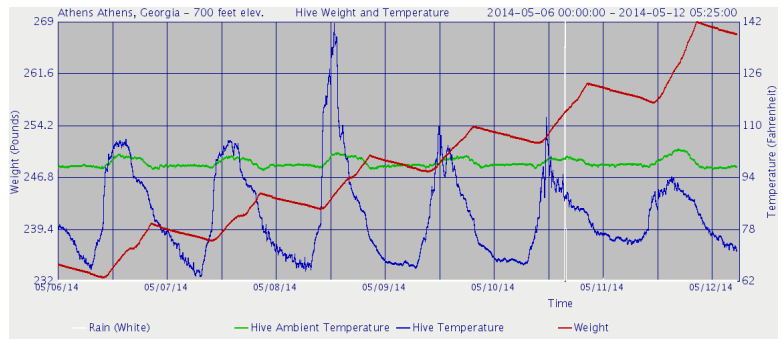


Illustration 2: Athens, GA. Privet is blooming heavily.

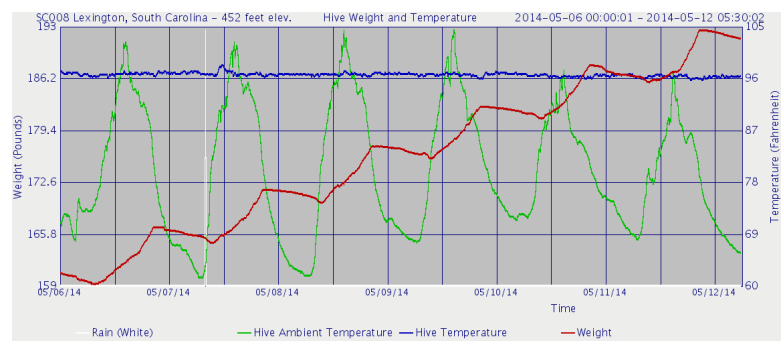


Illustration 3: Lexington, SC

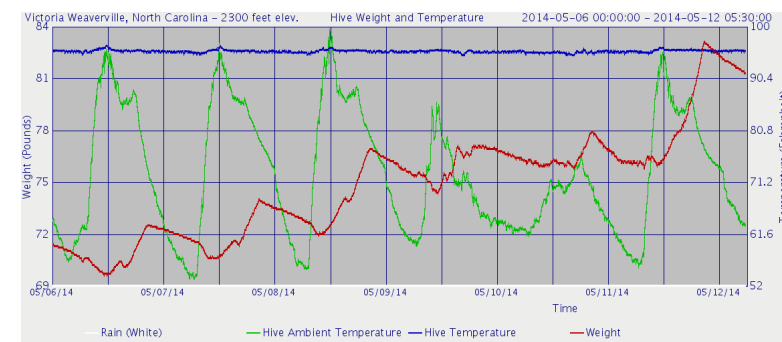


Illustration 4: Victoria, Asheville, NC Showers and cooler temperatures slowed the flow on Friday and Saturday.

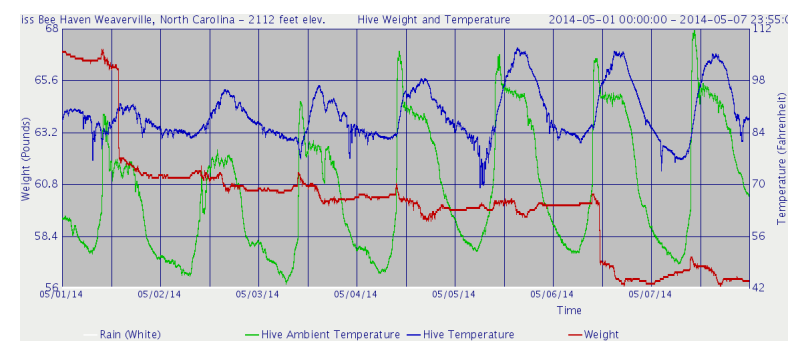


Illustration 5: Asheville, NC MissBeeHaven probably had two swarms in the last 12 days

In northeast Georgia, the Wild Cherry, Tulip Poplar, and Blackberry are blooming heavily. The locust blossom looks a little thin.

Donna, Lexington, SC reports: "The Holly blooming had my hive booming last week"

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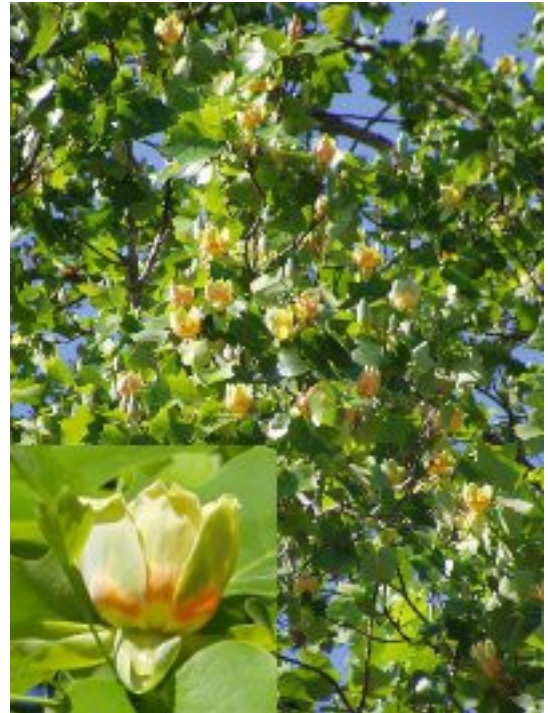


Illustration 6: Tulip Poplar



Illustration 7: Locust



Illustration 8: Wild Cherry with the remains of last year's swarm that didn't make it.