

## Swarming in Midwest - Sourwood flow starts in the South

The hive in Pella, Iowa had a 5 lb swarm yesterday afternoon. See Graph 1.

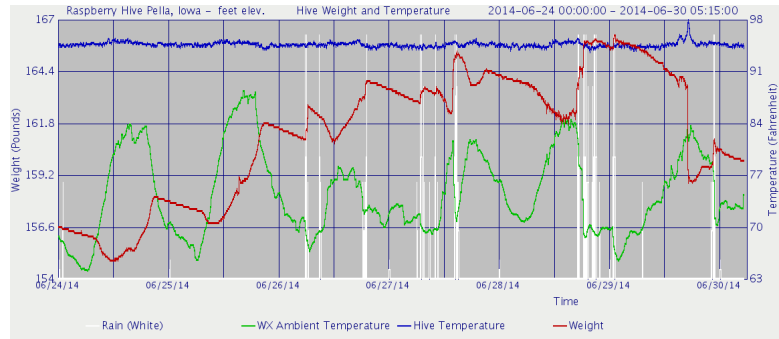
Sourwood or sorrel tree (*Oxydendrum arboreum*) ... “grows from southern Pennsylvania south to northwest Florida and west to southern Illinois; it is most common in the lower chain of the Appalachian Mountains.” (Wikipedia).



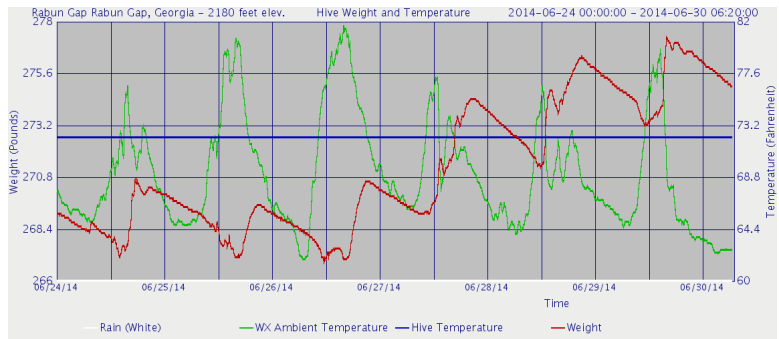
In the lower elevations, Rabun Gap, GA and Walhalla, SC, the flow has started. At the higher elevations, Highlands, NC, 4000 feet, the flow has not started yet.



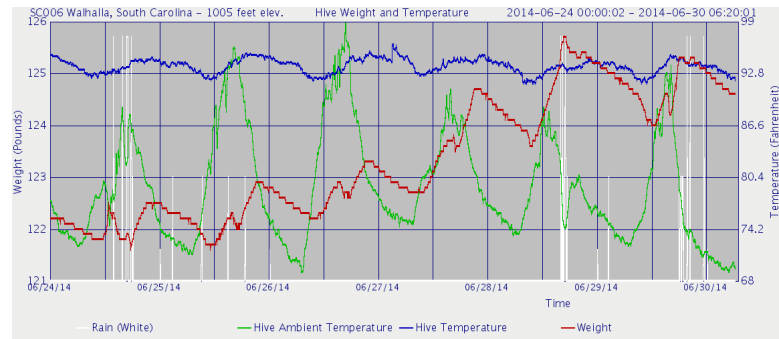
Illustration 1: Sourwood trees blooming.



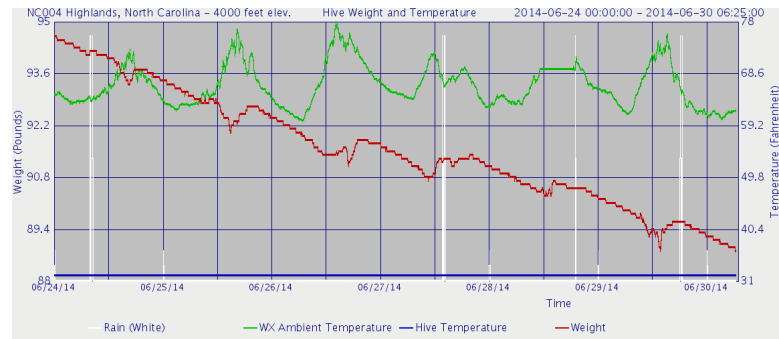
Graph 1: Raspberry Hive in Pella, Iowa had a 5 lb swarm.



Graph 2: Sourwood flow in Rabun Gap, GA, 2180 feet.



Graph 3: Sourwood flow in Walhalla, SC, 1005 feet



Graph 4: At higher elevations, Highlands, NC, 4000 feet elevation, the flow hasn't started yet.

**Don't hesitate to move the scale to a stronger hive should a colony go bad.**  
 More scale hive management instructions are at <http://hivetool.net/management>