

Good flow in Michigan - Sourwood continues in South

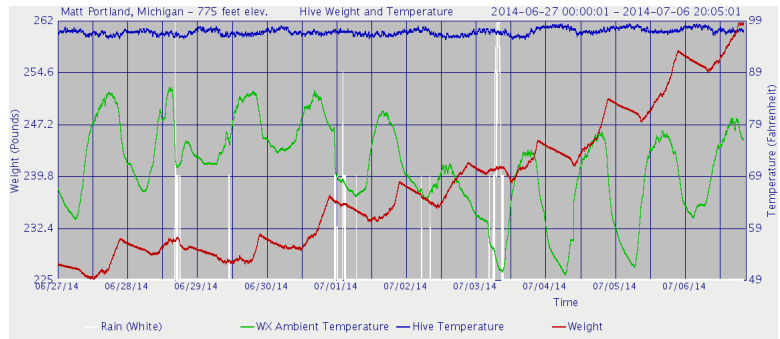
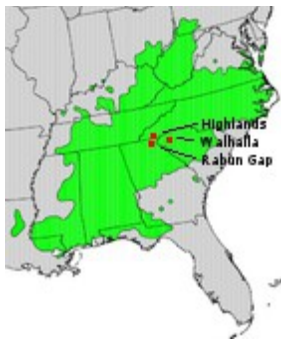
Matt's hive in Portland, Michigan has gained 37 lbs in the last 10 days.

In the Southeast, at the lower elevations, Rabun Gap, GA and Walhalla, SC, the sourwood flow continues. At the higher elevations, Highlands, NC, 4000 feet, the flow started the middle of last week.

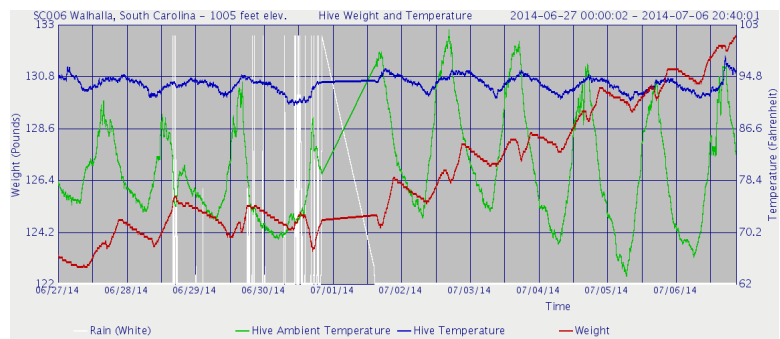
Rainy weather may have interrupted and limited the early flow. After Hurricane Andrew, for the last 7 days, there has been no rain. From Graph 3, it appears that warm weather in the middle of last week may have limited the flow. The flow increased over the weekend when the temperatures cooled.

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

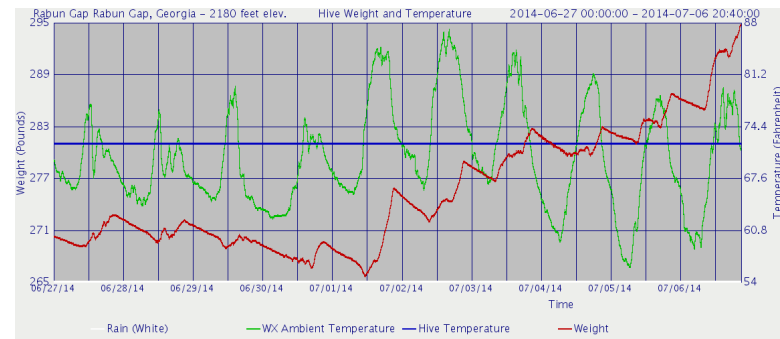
“Sourwood is most abundant in the mountains of North Georgia and Western North Carolina. The Sourwood tree blooms in late June through the month of July, during a period when few other flowers are blooming.” (mtnhoney.com)



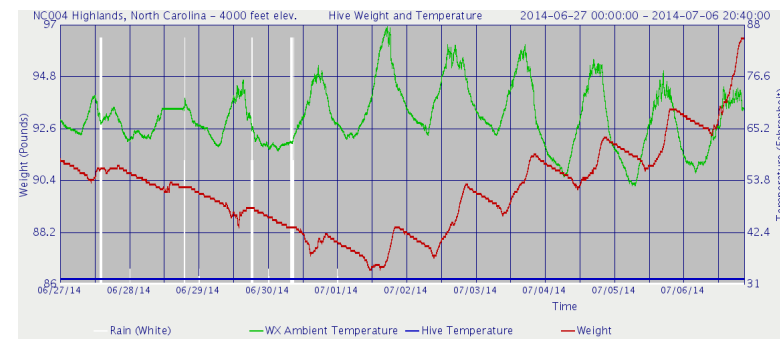
Graph 1: Portland, MI gained 37 lbs in the last 10 days.



Graph 2: Walhalla, SC, gained 10 lbs in the last 10 days.



Graph 3: Rabun Gap, GA, gained 30 lbs.



Graph 4: NC004, Highlands, NC, gained 10 lbs.

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>