

This paper is an addendum to **Beekeeping in Northern Climates** (available at www.extension.umn.edu/honeybees).

Some beekeepers prefer to keep their bees in medium depth boxes instead of deep boxes. This paper answers the question; how does that impact the system explained in the manual? These diagrams replace the ones in the manual to show how it can work.

With this system you can move drawn comb from supers and use in the brood nest. However you should never move brood nest comb to honey supers or extract honey from brood nest comb.

These diagrams are not intended to stand alone, they require the manual for explanation.

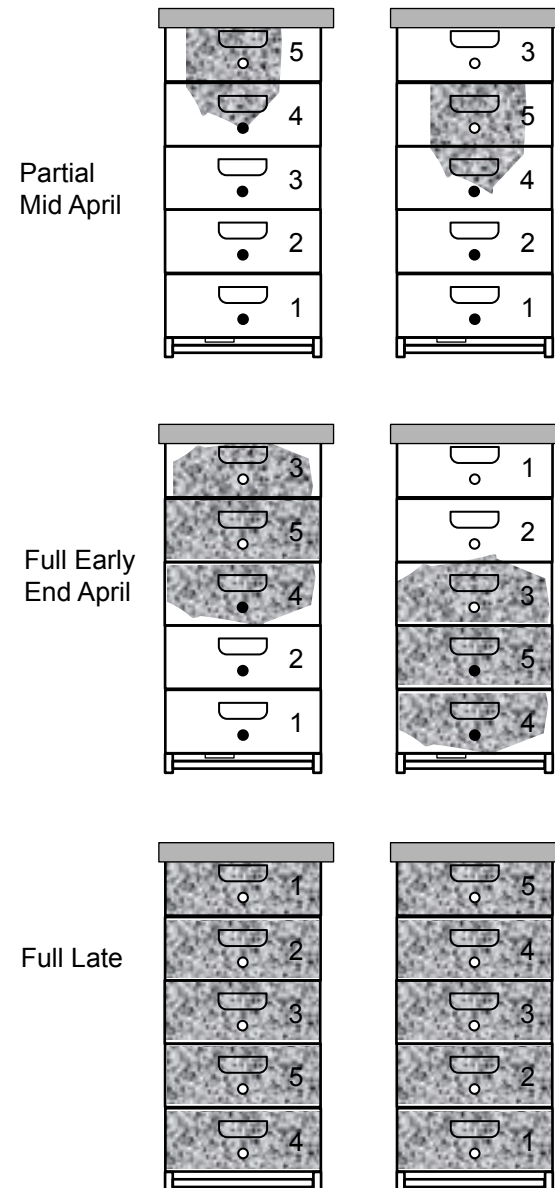
Hive equipment you will need

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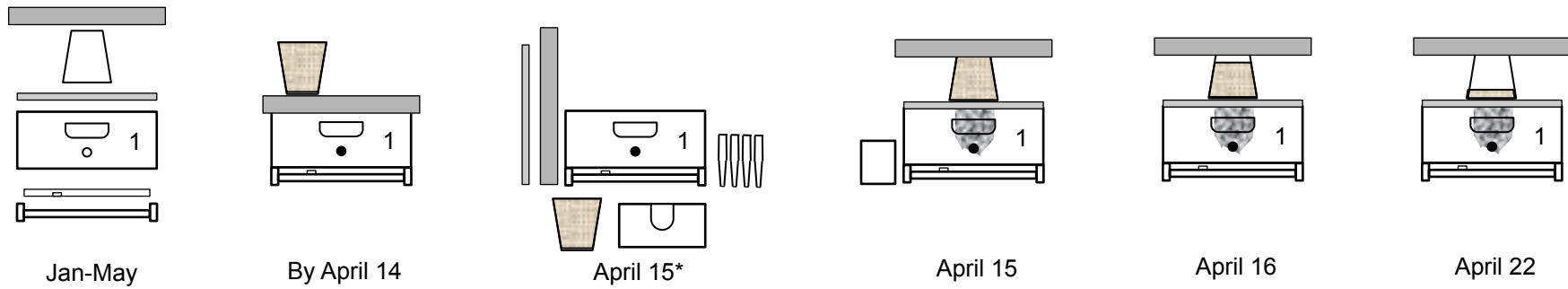
For each colony (pair)	Quantity	
	first year	second year
Hive stand	1	1
Bottom Board	1	1
Medium hive bodies	5	3
Medium frames	50	30
Foundation (medium)	50	30
Inner cover	1	1
Telescoping cover	1	1
Queen excluder	1	0
Moisture Board	1	0
Winter Cover	1	0
Feed pail	1	0
Medium box (feed pail cover)	1	0
Honey Supers	1-4	1-5
Frames for supers	10-40	10-50
Foundation for supers	10-40	10-50

Rotations in Medium Boxes (6-5/8")

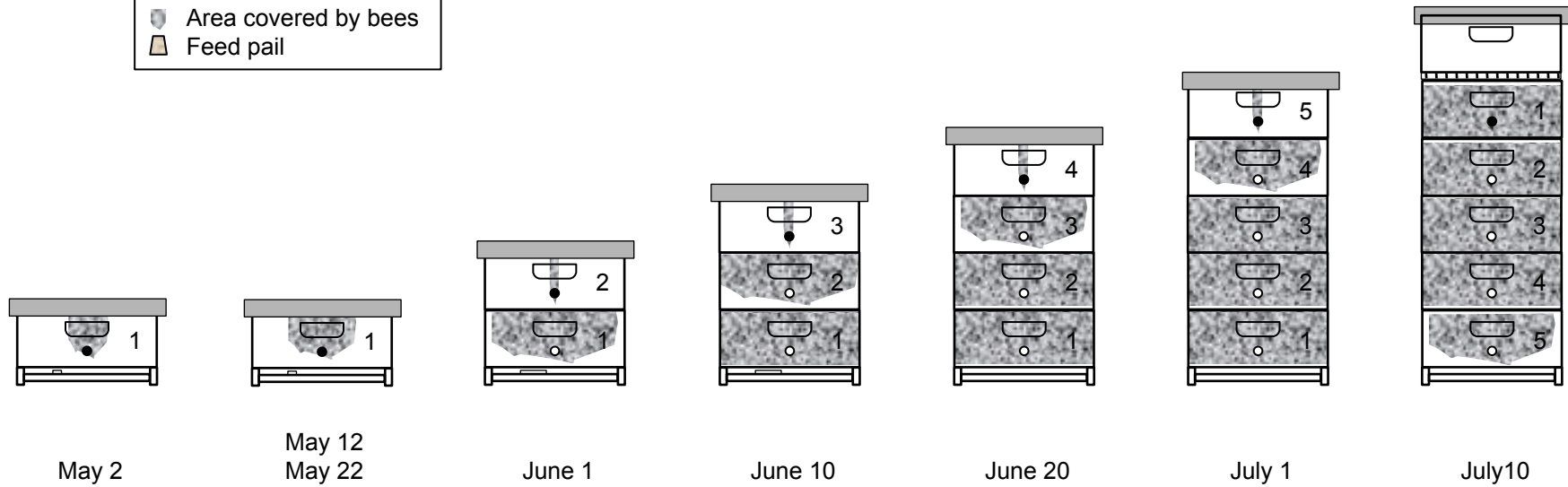
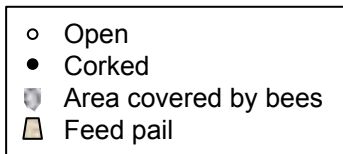
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Hiving & Managing a Package in Medium Boxes (6-5/8")

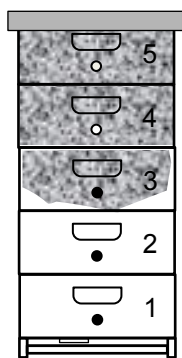


* Dates are approximate and should be adjusted to when the package was hived and weather for that year.

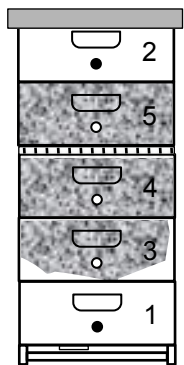


Dividing in Medium Boxes (6-5/8")

- Open
- Corked
- Area covered by bees
- ▲ Feed pail



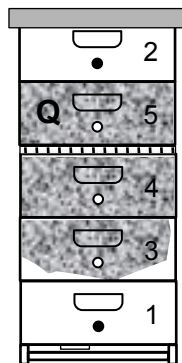
Wintered colony



Wintered colony
7 frames of brood in each box 4 & 5.

May 10

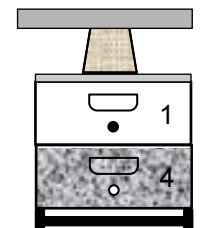
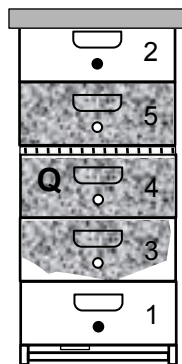
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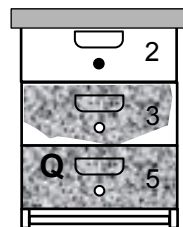
Eggs
In 2 or 5

OR

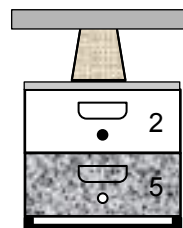
Eggs in
1, 3 or 4



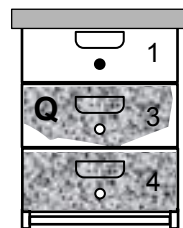
Divide queenless
on new stand



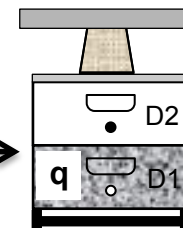
Parent with old
queen on old stand



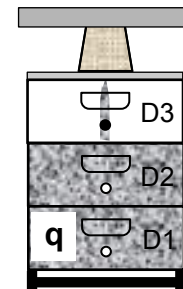
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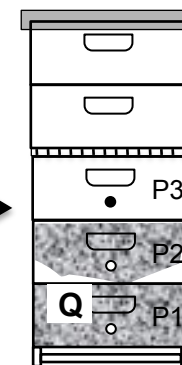
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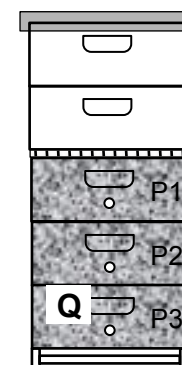
Divide
New
queen



Divide
New box



Parent
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Parent

May 15*

May 23

May 14

Summer Management of Parents and Divides in Medium Boxes (6-5/8")

