Hive Inspection Sheet

Date: **Hive ID:**

Looking at...				Possible Actions Needed (circle all that apply)	Done?
Hive weight (per deep super)**:**	Light ~20 lbs	Normal ~40 lbs	Heavy ~80 lbs	Feeding needed	
Worker population:	Low ~20%	Moderate ~40%	High ~80%	Split needed	
				Swap brood frames with strong hive	
	(percentage of brood frames covered with workers)			Add entrance reducer	
				Add brood super	
				Combine with strong hive	
Laying pattern:	Good solid, uniform	Okay intermittent, random	Bad spotty -> check for varroa	Replace queen Feed Treat for mites	
Eggs present?	Yes	No			
Larvae present?	Yes	No			
Capped brood present?	Yes	No			
Queen seen?	Yes	No			
Queen cells present?	Emergency Cell cells go out, down from existing worker cell	Swarm Cell often at edges/bottom of frame >3 cells	Supersedure Cell often on face of frame 1-3 cells		
Hive temperament:	Calm	Nervous	Nasty		
Honey stores:	Low	Normal	High	Add honey super	
Pollen stores:	Low	Normal	High	Feed	
Odor:	Normal	Foul	Fermented		
Small hive beetles present:	none	a few	a lot	Install hive beetle trap	
				Move to sunnier location	
Varroa mite symptoms/presence:	# mites-sticky sheet: *Treat if >180 mites after 3 days*			Install sticky sheet to monitor Varroa	
	# mites-powdered sugar roll: *Treat if >18 mites*			Powdered sugar roll to monitor Varroa	
	Viruses present (K-wing, twisted wing, bees crawling on ground in front of hive…)			Add drone comb for removal	
	Uncapped brood-spotty brood pattern *(chewed off by workers)*			Varroa treatment needed:	
	Varroa on drone brood				
Honey flow preparation: **Spring (~January) / Summer (~August)**				Add queen excluder	
				Add honey super(s)	
Honey harvest:				# honey supers removed:	
				Pounds of honey extracted:	
Equipment condition:				Replace/repair equipment:	

Notes:

Blooming now:

European Honey Bee Development Times				
	Egg	**Larva**	**Pupa**	**Total Development Time**
Queen	3 days	5.5 days	8 days	~16 days
Worker	**3 days**	**6 days**	**12 days**	**21 days**
Drone	3 days	6.5 days	14.5 days	24 days

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