



MONTHLY UPDATE

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OA/GLY PROJECT - OVERWINTER MORTALITY

After a few weather-related delays, the TTP team has wrapped up Varroa sampling for the Oxalic Acid/Glycerin project and completed overwinter mortality checks on the research colonies. For those following along, this project is testing two homemade types of OA/GLY pads and VarroXSan. The focus is on how well each option controls Varroa mites during the summer in different beekeeping operations. A big thank-you for the four Alberta beekeepers who contributed with the project!

GETTING SET FOR CHM

Now settled into the new lab, we're gearing up for another CHM season! If you've signed up, you'll be hearing from us in the coming weeks to schedule your spring inspections/samplings. For those choosing to self-sample, we'll also let you know when your supplies are on the way. If any questions come up, feel free to reach out!

DEAD-OUTS FORENSICS: HIVE-SIDE CHAT

Thank you to Ali Panasiuk for stepping in at the last minute to fill in for Dr. Renata Labuschagne and delivering an excellent presentation on diagnosing colony dead-outs! The session walked through images and step-by-step scenarios to help identify what may have happened to your colony, along with practical tips on prevention and improving your operation for the next winter.

We also appreciate everyone who attended, participated, and asked questions! The recording is now available on our YouTube channel.