

SIMPLIFIED INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL MIGRATORY ALMOND POLLINATORS

FIRST TREATMENT: Treat in late August or early September when the temperature moderates below 90°F. At this time it is essential to do verification testing (see “Testing”). If your mite level is at the low to moderate level (less than 15 natural drop) use the short treatment (install half pads in the hive). If your level is high use the longer treatment (install full pads with a half inch cut off from one end in the hive or add fourth half pad). If your hive is stronger than 10 frames of bees, use 3 half pads or 3 full pads. Leave the pads in the hive until you are working the hives again, probably when you prepare your hives for almonds. Remove and throw out what is left of the pads and reuse undamaged pads.

IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA, and have drought in mid-summer, use the summer treatment described for hot, dry use, instead of the above described treatment.

IF YOU ARE FROM GULF STATES, and have a hot and humid climate and a long brooding period, postpone treatment to the dry part of fall and use the treatment described for hot, wet use, instead of the above described treatment.

SECOND TREATMENT: **The best time to treat in the spring is** when preparing hives to go to almonds or during almond pollination before the extensive brooding period, place 2 half pads into each hive as shown in our standard treatment.

OR - After the almonds when you are doing splits and have one box full of bees and are putting the empty one on top, use 2 half pads in the top box as in the standard treatment. The hives can be shipped that way and queens can be introduced at the same time.

OR - If you are shipping your splits in singles put 2 halves in immediately when you are making them or when you are putting the second box on.

DO NOT REMOVE THE PADS UNTIL you are preparing hives for honey production; remove whatever is left of the pad and plastic wrap.

If you follow this method, you will be very happy with the results. You will think that both mites and other problems that plague beekeeping today never existed in North America and the cost can be as low as \$3 US per hive per year.

