

What is it about the bees? Makes we beekeepers throw what we do at keeping them. I recollect when I was kid we had them. Growing up in Ontario, our bees were at Puslinch Lake, we had about 20 hives and you just couldn't have less. We knew beekeepers that would leave the lids off their hives transporting them home so that maybe there were a few less to feed over the winter. Losses, that's for today, there was no such thing. There were intentional losses, but lets not go there.

Fast-forward to today, March 16th. Chilean packages cancelled, 3 separate cargos of either dead or near dead packages, barely enough survivors, in some cases, to keep the queen warm. Are we learning anything. Talked to friend from Alberta, he's sent bees to BC so I believe we are.

I would just like to thank you all personally for your patience and perseverance, it makes me proud, sends little tingles up my neck, to know that beekeepers haven't changed, though bees may have. About the bees I'm not so sure.

Keep the faith, your bees need you now more than ever before.

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