

# Three Rivers Beekeepers

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## Winter Feeding Techniques

- Hive Heft Test
  
- Too cold for sugar syrup
  
- Ted's Sugar Mush
  - 8 to 1 ratio
  - 4 lbs. sugar, 1 cup water
  - Requires 1" x 2" rim
  - May be some disadvantages (cane sugar [sucrose – complex sugar] > simple sugars [glucose & fructose – more easily digested by bees])
  - Called "invert sugar"; accomplished by heating to break down naturally
  
- Fondant
  - Easy for bees to digest
  - Expensive!
  - Can be rolled to thin slices
  - Can be easily made in kitchen
  - Google "Bee Fondant Candy"
  - About.com – search "Basic Fondant Recipe"
  
- Bee Candy
  - Many recipes available (will publish)
  - David Burns - Google "Basic Beekeeping Lesson 68"
  - "Bee Culture", November 2010
  - Bob Finck