

Three Rivers Beekeepers

January 17th, 2011 Meeting

Winter Feeding Techniques

- Hive Heft Test

- Too cold for sugar syrup

- Ted's Sugar Mash
 - 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