

# Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association wants your help.



I am working on a project with Dwight Wells from Heartland Honey Bee Breeders Co-op. We are checking on hives that have survived without treatments or that are longer than 5 years without requeening.

The number one killer of honey bees is the Varroa Destructor. This mite is a member of the spider family and spreads viruses throughout the honey bee community. We are looking for honey bees with chewing behavior towards mites. How you would be part of this, is to contact me and share your bee story. I will provide you with a mite board or boards to check your hives. You will then preserve that board keeping correct data on which hive, date and

time that board was in, and return it to me. I will collect mites off of the board and study them under a microscope. If we find chewing behavior we would like to graft from that hive. We will provide you with queens or queen cells from that hive after successful grafting.

If you think you have honey bees that fit this, please give me a call: 606-871-7300.

Dorothey Morgan, President

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