

Mid Atlantic Mosquito Control Association

2013 Conference Notes

Honey Bees & Mosquito Control - Bobby Moulis

- a) Both commercial beekeepers and backyard enthusiasts
 - i) Commercial are easier to work with
 - ii) Trying to keep track of the backyard beekeepers can be difficult
 - (1) Bee hive registration is required by county
 - (2) Mosquito control info available on the county site
 - iii) Coastal Empire Beekeeper's Association
 - (1) Attend meetings
 - (2) Open lines of communication
 - (3) Bee hive info form
 - iv) Courtesy call list
- b) Make sure the bees are not being worked the day before the mission
- c) Issues
 - i) All bees do not enter hive at night in the south so are outside where they can come into contact with pesticides
 - ii) Swarming
 - iii) Change in wind patterns when spraying
 - iv) Non-compliant beekeepers
- d) What can be done to protect the bees
 - i) Exclusion areas for large numbers of beehives
 - ii) Covering hives with cloth or plastic
 - iii) Some states have laws - not Georgia
 - iv) Ultimately it is the beekeepers responsibility to protect their hives
 - v) Take home message - be a good neighbor