HIVE INSPECTION QUICK-CHECK

WHAT TO LOOK FOR EVERY TIME YOU OPEN THE HIVE

Date: ____/____/_____ Hive ID: _____

1. QUEEN SIGNS

Confirm Queen Presence

Fresh eggs (one per cell, standing upright) confirm a queen was present within the last three days, even if not spotted.



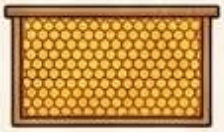


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2. BROOD PATTERN

Assess Queen Health

A tight, solid pattern indicates a healthy queen. Spotty, scattered brood is worth a closer look



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HEALTHY UNHEALTHY

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3. FOOD STORES

Ensure Hive Nutrition

Capped honey near top corners, pollen near the brood. Low stores mean it may be time to feed.



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4. PEST SIGNS

Check for Infestations

Look at bottom board and comb edges for small hive beetles, wax moth webbing, or mite-damaged brood.





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5. TEMPERAMENT

Monitor Colony Behavior

Calm bees on the comb are normal. Excessive defensiveness can signal stress or queenlessness.



CALM



DEFENSIVE

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6. SPACE

Manage Hive Expansion

Crowded frames mean it's time to add a box. Empty drawn comb with no activity may mean it's time to reduce space.





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