



**President's Message
Coweta Beekeepers Association
President Bobby Torbush
August 2014**

Wow, it is hot out there! If you have been out to check your bees, and I know you have, be sure to drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks. The last thing we need is to suffer heat stroke and not be able to check on the honey bees at all.

I have been doing some mite sampling lately. It is the time of year when the varoah mite population can out-pace the honey bees and cause many issues with the vectored viruses that they cause. A couple of examples of things to look for are deformed wing virus or honey bees walking on the ground in front of the hive, climbing on blades of grass then falling back down. Please consider some I.P.M. strategies to combat the mite problem. If chemical options are necessary then please follow label directions on the package.

Our 4-H Beekeepers have started reviewing for the certified test. The certified testing review and date decision is still not set as we are awaiting a reply from UGA about the new test. We will let everyone know as soon as we can.

Upcoming Bee-events:

Regular Meeting, August 11th at the Extension Office at 7:00 P.M. and question time 30 minutes prior. Our program will be about bee stings and the reaction to them.

Steve is planning a certified test review workshop, August 25 at the extension office 7-8 p.m.

GBA fall meeting, September 19 & 20 Milledgeville, Georgia registration is open on line.

Coweta Fair the third week of September we need volunteers each evening. See Mike Copeland

Our annual honey contest will be in October at the regular meeting so get your entries ready.

Here is an interesting link for you to check out;

<http://www.gabeekeeping.com/Forms/GA%20State%20Honey%20Show%20Rules%202013.pdf>

See You Soon

Bobby

Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the County Extension office at 255 Pine Road. Meeting date is August 11, 2014. Plenty of parking behind the office!!

2014 Dues

You can pay your dues for 2014 to Mike Copeland at a meeting or by mailing them to him at PO Box 159, Luthersville, Ga 30251. Dues for the 2014 calendar year starting January 1st thru December 31st, are \$15.00 per family if paid before March 1st, and \$20.00 per family after. If you would like to receive your newsletter through e-mail please inform Donna, and give her your e-mail address. Dues are used in the following manner: for postage of this newsletter, supplies for our meetings, and the Christmas Party. If you dues are not paid by the printing of the April newsletter you will be purged from the system, so please pay your dues now, the club depends on it members!!