



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

There is a lot going on in and out of the hive this month. I have checked samples and hives have low mite rates. During the summer 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 shaky honey bees walking on the ground in front of the hive, climbing on blades of grass then falling back down. Consider some I.P.M. strategies to combat the mite problem. If chemical options are necessary then please follow label directions. September is the month to begin fall preparation, to be sure my hives have enough food stored to make it through the winter. Typically in the southeast U.S. a hive will need 50-60 pounds to make it to spring. You may need to feed your bees, I prefer a 1:1 sugar/water ratio but some books say a 2:1 ratio is best for fall feeding.

Our 4-H Beekeepers have been reviewing for the certified test. We are excited about the certified testing date of September 21 at Country Gardens.

### Upcoming Bee-events:

- 🐝 Regular Meeting, September 8th at the Extension Office at 7:00 P.M. and question time 30 minutes prior. Our program will be preparing for the UGA Master Beekeeper Certified test.
- 🐝 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 the link to registration for GBA fall meeting.

<https://gabeeking.wufoo.com/forms/fall-2014-early-registration/>

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 September 8, 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!!