

# Do Not's in SHB Management

***Do not*** feed protein substitute or pollen patties except in small portions, and only during the early spring. They are magnets for gravid beetles to start laying eggs.

***Do not*** leave combs of honey and pollen lying unprotected, in or out of the bee yard, nor in the honey house.

***Do not*** allow colonies to remain queenless any longer than is absolutely necessary.

***Do not*** leave hives open any longer than necessary during inspection or manipulation.

***Do not*** place hives in intense shade. Full sunshine is ideal.

***Do not*** leave dead outs in the bee yard. Hives with declining bee populations should be dealt with before they die. Combining them with other hives, requeen, or use other means to nurse them back to a strong population.

***Do not*** remove more honey from hives than can be extracted within 48 hours.

***Do not*** add drawn combs to hives until they have enough bees to cover them and keep SHB from escaping to them.

***Do not*** feed excessive amounts of sugar syrup in feeders where SHB can have access to it; only small portions that the bees can consume in a few days. Remove fermented syrup—it is attractive to adult SHB.