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Chairmans' Report

Ian Stepler

The Board and committees have been actively engaged over the past several weeks, with a strong focus on preparedness for the growing threat of *Tropilaelaps* mites.

We met with the new Deputy Minister, Scott Sinclair, and Assistant Deputy Minister, Nicole Gaudette, to introduce our association and clearly outline key industry concerns, particularly *Tropilaelaps*. We are working with the Department of Agriculture to better understand what response actions may be taken if or when *Tropilaelaps* arrives in Canada. These discussions are also taking place nationally to ensure proper planning is in place, not only to limit potential spread, but to protect beekeepers during the critical early stages of containment.

A recent CHC *Tropilaelaps* Committee meeting was held with senior CFIA advisors to review surveillance protocols in exporting countries and Canada's approach to preventing *Tropilaelaps* from entering through imported packages. CFIA has issued questionnaires to exporting countries to gather further information on the preventative measures being taken to reduce risk and has also communicated to the CBSA the seriousness of following protocols when dealing with swarms on ocean freight.

As a provincial association, we need clear direction from our membership so we can communicate expectations to CHC. This includes positions on potential trade restrictions, quarantine measures, and compensation.

At present, provinces are not aligned:

- BC is calling for stronger risk assessments
- Alberta supports shutting down imports
- Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Eastern provinces are undecided and/or have not yet provided a position



In January, as a member of the CHC *Tropilaelaps* Committee, I will host a Presidents' meeting with associations from across the country to work through these differences and identify common ground.

This issue cannot be taken lightly. The potential damage *Tropilaelaps* could cause to our industry would be catastrophic. This risk must be weighed against the reality that 45,000–50,000 package bees were imported into Canada last year to support stock replacement, at a time when annual colony losses across Canada have exceeded 30% for the past five years.

While I have a clear personal view on this issue, it is essential that our membership fully discuss and debate it before any decisions are made. We will provide that forum at our upcoming AGM on March 6.

Interlake Winter Report

Hi all,

Hope everyone is enjoying the snow and mild temps ! Our family being XC skiers and ice fishers are taking advantage of this mild spell...

Anyway, our outside colonies benefit from the thick insulating layer of snow . It seemed the warm temperatures from previous winters left a layer of ice on the colonies causing undue stress in past winters so this extra snow is a bonus this season.

The one interesting observation my son Campbell and I, had this fall, was how the home grown queens did so much better handling the mites and their associated viral load than the stock that came from Europe! We saw some dramatic bee population loss in October of imported queen led colonies compared to our own stock. All treatments were started in late August and mite levels came down after that, but the viral levels may have been still elevated (educated guess) .

Possibly ,the breeders over there are dealing with different variants or strains of viruses than we have here and the queens genetics (or their microbiome in their gut) cannot handle local virus strains. The viruses may be the same species / type but a different strain.

One more reason to raise your own breeding stock ..

Would be great to hear what other guys are seeing in their own operations.

Looking forward to visiting with all the beekeepers at the AGM .

Cheers,
Paul Gregory



Brandon Beekeepers' Association



As the beekeeping season draws to a close, colonies across the region are settling into their winter clusters.

Most apiaries reported moderate to strong colony populations going into winter. Late autumn nectar flows were variable this year, with some areas benefiting from wildflower blooms, while others experienced early frosts that curtailed foraging.

Beekeepers in cooler zones noted the importance of timely feeding to compensate for limited natural stores.

Varroa management remained a key focus throughout late autumn. Many members successfully applied final treatments after honey supers were removed, reporting good mite drop results. Continued monitoring over winter is encouraged, as low mite loads going into spring significantly improve colony survival and productivity.

Winter losses cannot yet be fully assessed, but early indications suggest survival rates may be better than last year.

Looking ahead, equipment maintenance, and planning for spring expansion will keep many beekeepers occupied during the off-season.

Happy New Year everyone!!!
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Provincial Apiarist Report

Derek Micholson

This is a bit of a brief report from me this time around as I prepare to attend BeeTech.

To follow up on my fall report, the final honey production statistic for Manitoba, based on the annual production survey, was 150.4 lbs / colony—significantly below Manitoba’s long-term provincial average of ~168 lbs. Production varied across MB regions as follows: **Northwest:** 174.9 lbs; **Southwest:** 135.9 lbs; **Central:** 136.0 lbs; **Eastern:** 168.8 lbs; **Interlake:** 109.7 lbs; **Winnipeg Region:** 108.5 lbs.

Another new miticide—Amiflex (Veto-Pharma)—was approved by PMRA and registered for use in Canada starting in 2026. This brings the total number up to 3 newly approved miticides (VarroXSan (Vita Bee Health) and Apivar 2.0 (Veto-Pharma) were also approved in December). Amiflex is an amitraz-based “flash” treatment, applied as a gel. The labels for all registered pesticides can be found on Health Canada’s Pesticide Label Search website (<https://pr-rp.hc-sc.gc.ca/lr-re/index-eng.php>). I will also send the updated Honey Bee Health Treatment Guide around in the spring with all newly approved miticides added. I’m still crossing my fingers for a couple more new registrations before spring.

Much of my time in the fall was taken up by meetings and discussions around Tropilaelaps mites. I plan to deliver a presentation on Tropilaelaps at the upcoming MBA Convention and look forward to a good discussion during the scheduled panel discussion. I hope to see many of you there!

Derek Micholson
Provincial Apiarist
Manitoba Agriculture



University of Manitoba Honey Bee Lab



My name is Keaira Vianzon, and I am a U of M undergraduate student working under Dr. Nuria Morfin in the Honey Bee Lab. My goal is to pursue a career in veterinary medicine, and I am pleased to say that I will be starting the DVM program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine this upcoming fall term!

This summer, I wanted to expand my work experience by joining a research lab, since academic research is an important aspect of the veterinary field. I have also always been interested in learning beekeeping, as it is such a unique skill. When an opportunity to be involved in both research and working with bees came up at the UofM Honey Bee Lab, I was excited to try it!

When I started this job, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that vets are directly involved in the beekeeping industry. Honey bees have a large role in One Health, contributing to environmental and agricultural health via pollination. Vets help support the health and population of honey bees by prescribing antibiotics to colonies affected by American and European Foulbrood, which are both reportable diseases in Manitoba. The experience in honey bee handling that I gained in the Honey Bee Lab will be helpful to me in the future, as I hope to contribute to the health of honey bee colonies during my career as a vet.



So far, I have really enjoyed beekeeping and I've gained a lot of insight and skills pertaining to academic research. After my time here this summer, I hope to continue being involved in the world of honey bees since it's such a great community and it's lots of fun getting to work with the bees!

<https://umanitoba.ca/research/um-honey-bee-lab>





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- Total of proposed budget for each year
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Please describe the proposed research, in no more than four pages. The proposal should clearly describe the:

- Objectives of the project
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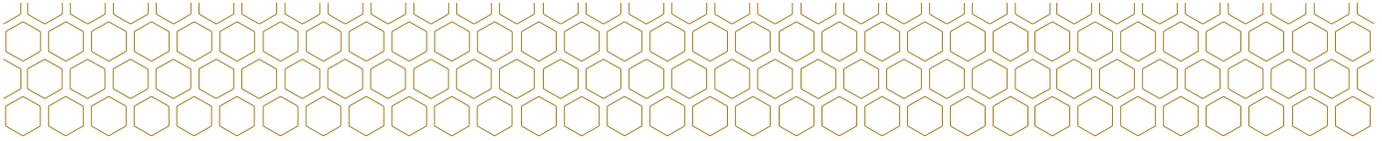
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KRTP Winter Update

KRTP Winter Update

By Matthew Polinsky

In December, we held our annual steering committee meeting. This meeting is guided by the MBA's updated research priority list and responds to KRTP's annual report to the steering committee. The steering committee is comprised of a diverse set of stakeholders; commercial beekeepers, local researchers, industry partners, MBA board members, and MB provincial apiarist. Ultimately, this meeting provides oversight and centres the priorities of the MBA membership.

With the year just starting to slip into the rearview mirror, we can already see a few small changes coming to our activities in 2026.

2025 was a fieldwork-heavy year. We worked with KRTP colonies in our Norroa trial, built up our own apiary to put extra colonies into winter, and partnered with producers on three sets of colonies for the Dalan vaccine and Varroxxsan experiments. We also visited producers throughout spring and summer for breeder queen evaluations and other apiary health work. That added up to a lot of hands-on bee time – and a fair bit of time on the road. Altogether in 2025, that work involved **104 KRTP colonies** and **278 producer colonies** for field trials, along with **229 breeder queen evaluations** for producers.

Looking ahead, we'll be wrapping up our ongoing field projects, including the vaccinated queen trial (Dalan) and the oxalic acid glycerin winter treatment experiment (Varroxxsan), both of which carry into 2026. Results from our 2025 Norroa trial will be presented at the convention. We saw similar results to our 2024 trial (results on our YouTube), but with a few new lessons learned on application timing, trade-offs in comparison to other miticides, and prospects of integrating Norroa into fall management.

This year we're planning to continue hosting a few webinars, with **the first webinar focused on oxalic acid glycerin** – covering application methods, dosages, products, and timing for our local conditions, with invited guest speakers. Though no dates are confirmed yet. There are also plans to run an in-person, hands-on IPM day, support the MBA's field day, and ideas of a Winnipeg-area mini field day have been floated.

On December 30th, the KRTP wrapped up the field portion of our winter Varroxxsan experiment, with help from our co-investigators at the University of Saskatchewan. We handled the field work, and they're taking care of the lab work – counting more than 1,000 sticky boards, nosema samples, and analyzing the data. Final results won't be available for some time, we'll be assessing the colonies again in April, once they're moved outdoors, and again in May. By fall or winter of this year, we should have solid statistical results showing what happened over the past months – and what continues to unfold in those colonies over these next five months until spring.

Catchup on administrative work is long road after big field season and I'd like to again acknowledge the efforts of MBA treasurer Nadine Lecocq and secretary Shaun Kendrick for their assistance; and the MBA board for their ongoing support. Last, but not least, as we look back and forward, special thanks to KRTP 2025 staff; Amanda Turriff, Keziah Bartel, and Laura Wiens.

Stay connected with us on Instagram, Facebook, or at manitobabee.org.

KRTP Program Lead

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Dr. Sarah Wood and Dr. Alvaro De la Mora Peña photographing cluster sizes top and bottom for later analyses.

Final assessment day in KRTP & U of S Varroxxsan Winter Experiment #2
 Photos by Phil Veldhuis – December 30, 2025

Laura Wiens collecting bee samples to determine mite loads. Alongside weekly sticky drops, this helps gauge treatment effectiveness.

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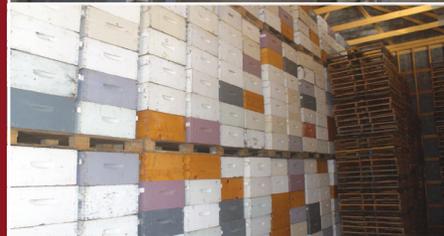
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Announcement

of the

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(AGM is free to attend for all members)

This year's Convention is being held the 6th and 7th of March please see attached brief description on speakers as well as attached Registration form.

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There are a number of other Hotels in the near vicinity of the Convention (Victoria Inn, Comfort Inn, Mainstay Inn, etc). Please contact them directly for rooms and rates.

CHC Winter Report



Canadian Honey Council

The Holidays have come and gone, and we are now into 2026. 2025 feels as though it came out as a wash in Manitoba. The 2025 provincial honey production average was 150.4Lbs per hive which is down approximately 20Lbs per hive from normal, although with provincial hive numbers cresting over 119,000 colonies the increase in hive numbers has offset the lower production numbers resulting in close to average gross honey production.

This sounds fine and dandy, but the reality is the price of honey has not increased the match the cost of running a beekeeping operation. I've heard beekeeper after beekeeper singing the same tune "we're just not getting enough money for our honey". We can all argue until we're blue in the face about US package bees, offshore bee imports, local self-sufficiency, queen genetics, hygienic traits, treatment regimes, Tropi-Mite, and overwintering strategies. We can have the best bee stock, with the best queen genetics and hygienics, the best treatment regimes, perfect colony management, a solution to the threat of Tropi-Mite, the perfect overwintering strategy, and it all doesn't matter if we go broke doing it. Beekeepers are surviving on depreciation, a financial recipe for disaster, "just cut your expenses as touted as a solution to low honey prices, all while beekeepers have already trimmed every expense possible. We're business owners not a charity. We're here to earn a living that should match the hard work and long hours we put in. We don't go out and lift 70lb honey boxes in +34 degree weather with 90% humidity for 10 hours because it's fun, we do it to turn a profit.

On average Canada produces 90 million pounds of honey, the retail market totals around 35 million pounds of demand and the industrial is around 30 million pounds, leaving a 25 million pound surplus for export on average. As of August 31 over 17 million pounds of foreign honey has been imported. Wouldn't you agree that there is a fundamental problem when more cheap "honey" has been imported from foreign countries into Canada than the entire province of Manitoba produces? All while beekeepers are sitting on honey in their warehouses, it seems nobody wants and are unable to sell even at these abysmally low prices? We need to work together as an industry for a solution, Canadian consumers should be consuming Canadian honey and Canadian honey only before all else. Especially when the too much of the honey we're competing against isn't even honey.

I wish everyone the best in 2026.
Osee Podolsky



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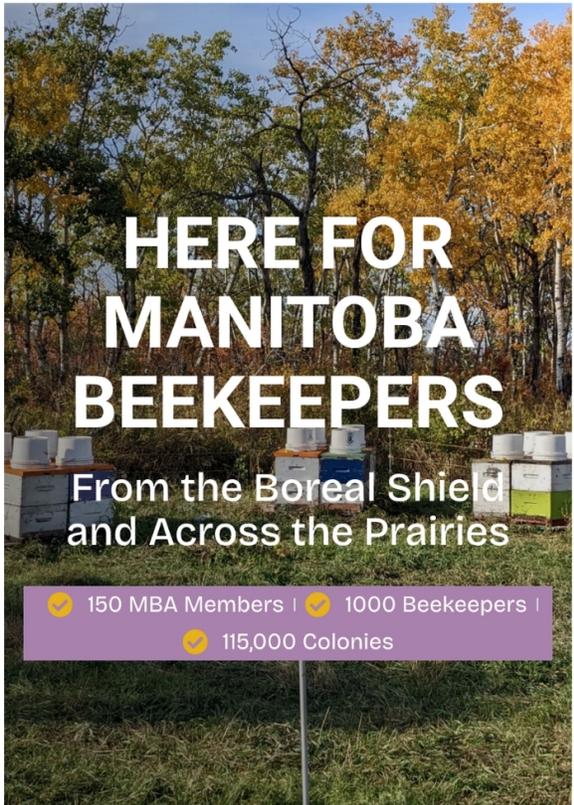
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HARLTON APIARIES has 4 Seasonal positions available for the 2026 Season

4 Apiary Workers (NOC 85100) for March or April to end of October 2026

Wages are \$16.00 - \$19.00 per hour depending on experience. 1-2 years' experience preferred.

Operating a forklift, a valid driver's license and the ability to speak English is an asset. Duties include Handle, feed, and care for honeybee colonies, assist in the production of nucs, splits or replacement hives, Recognize and report hive health issues and apply appropriate treatments, move hives, supering hives, Collect and package honey and beeswax, Bee yard maintenance, Manufacture, assemble and maintain hive equipment, Operate and maintain other apiary related equipment, Spring and Winter preparation of hives, heavy lifting required.

Contact Irwin or Joan Harlton, Harlton Apiaries
Box 644 Souris (MB) R0K 2C0 204-483-2382
Or email: harltonapiaries@mymts.net

Thrive Honey Inc.

Strong Nucs for sale: 2026 laying queen, 3 brood frames, 5 frames of bees. The nucs would have been inspected and should be available by May 20, 2026. Pricing depends on quantities, custom order and deliveries available. For any inquiries, please contact Gabriel at nucs@thrivehoney.ca / 403 5930406

Bees and Nucs: Full frames of brood covered with bees, or 4 or 5 frame nucs (can make 3 or 4 brood and 1 empty/feed). Large quantities of Nucs, and singles available, all nucs and singles have 2025 overwintered queens. **Equipment :** I have (1) 2 1/2 inch Moyno pump, (1) 2 1/2 inch Mann Lake Moyno pump and (1) 2 1/2 inch honey gear pump, a 4000-psi hot waterpower washer and approximately 3000 and 1-gallon plastic frame feeders. Located approx. 30 minutes north of Winnipeg. Call Calvin 204-330-1714

INTERLAKE HONEY PRODUCERS LTD. in Fisher Branch, MB has the following positions:

Apiary Technician: 5 positions available for the 2026 season.

Seasonal, full time, days, evenings and some Saturdays. Work is mostly outdoors, so must be able to work under hot conditions. The job starts April 1st-July 1st. End date: Sept 10th-November 15th.

Wages \$16.00-\$22.00/hour depending on experience. Performance and/or production bonus may be available.

Duties include but not limited to: feed and care for honeybees, replacement of hives and production of nucs, moving hives, supering hives, detect and report hive health and apply correct disease cures and/or controls, bee yard maintenance, keep field and/or production records, harvest honey, working on extracting line, cleaning extracting equipment and honey house, raise queens, assemble and maintain bee equipment, drive and maintain vehicles. Work is very physically demanding, with long days and heavy lifting. The job is located 2 hours north of Winnipeg in the RM of Fisher NE 33-23-1W in Fisher Branch, MB. Send resume to anita@ifsltd.ca

Looking for complete extraction line in good shape. 60 frame, but open for whatever size you have. Please contact erwiniriklassen@gmail.com

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Text only classified/ employment ads 50 words or less are free to MBA members and a cost of \$20 per issue for non-members . Questions regarding classified or commercial advertising please contact Dan @ **204-797-3322**

or email dnlecocq@shaw.ca

MANITOBA BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
2026 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
 January 1, 2026 to December 31,2026

NAME: _____	COMPANY NAME: _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____	
CODE _____	POSTAL _____

Payment Due January 1, 2026 with Deadline for membership payment – March 31, 2026

MEMBERSHIPS

1. **Associate Membership** (A Volunteer, non-voting category, for beekeepers with 49 or fewer honey bee colonies in Manitoba, or a local or out-of-province industry supporter)

\$60.00

2. **Full Membership** (A Producer who keeps 50 or more honey bee colonies in Manitoba, and who is a sole proprietor, or is the Designated Representative of a partnership, corporation, or Hutterite colony)

Base Fee			\$200.00
Levy (50 to 1500 colonies)	Colony number	@0.50 per colony	
Additional Levy (1501 or more colonies)	Colony number (Total minus 1500)	@0.16 per colony	
TOTAL (Base Fee plus Levy plus Additional Levy)			

3. **INSTITUTION** – A Non-Canadian individual, organization, or entity, serving as a broker or library, requesting the MBA newsletter for reference material or other use. \$100.00US

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CANADIAN BEE RESEARCH FUND (Canadian Honey Council)	
KNOWLEDGE RESEARCH TRANSFER PROGRAM (cash or in-kind donation, please contact Secretary)	

INSURANCE (see MBA website *Bees-Protection* for details) **Not available after March 31**

BEEKEEPERS LIABILITY INSURANCE (valid 5 May 2026-5 May 2027) @ \$95.00 per year	
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JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS - (THIS SERVICE AVAILABLE TO MBA MEMBERS ONLY) **Not available after March 31**

AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL - \$77.00 per year	
BEE CULTURE - \$106.00 per year	

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

I request that the above amount be deducted from my account at the Manitoba Co-operative Honey Producers Limited.

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 Applicants, please approve deduction by initialing here. _____

IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY ETRANSFER, PLEASE CONTACT TREASURER AT: nlmba@outlook.com

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. INFORMATION MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES BENEFICIAL TO MEMBERS.

APPLICATION DATE: _____ APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: _____

Manitoba Beekeepers' Association

Designated Representative Voting Form – **Complete only if you have not completed this before.**

1. Business Name of Registered Producer: _____
(Business name used on original Registration form)

2. Name of Registered Producer: _____
(Name of person completing this form)

Business Number: _____ Manitoba Agriculture Registration Number: _____

The Registered Producer of a Partnership, Corporation or Hutterite Colony must appoint one designated representative to have voting representation in the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association. The designated representative must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Manitoba.

3. Name of Designated Representative: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____ . Email: _____
Phone #: (204) _____ . FAX: (204) _____

4. Confirmation of eligibility of person appointed above as Designated Representative:
Designated Representative's Type of Business Entity: (Please check one only)

Sole Proprietor:

Partnership: To be eligible, a designated representative must hold at least 10% of the assets of the partnership and be entitled to 10% of the income of that partnership. Does the person to be designated so qualify? Yes / No

Corporation:

To be eligible, a designated representative must hold at least 10% of the voting shares in the corporation. Does the person to be designated so qualify? Yes / No

Hutterite Colony:

To be eligible, a designated representative must be a member of the Hutterite Colony. Does the person to be designated so qualify? Yes / No

5. Is the person to be designated, the designated representative of any other registered producer? Yes / No
(If "yes", to be eligible, a request to rescind that designation must accompany this form).

6. Is the person to be designated also a registered producer, as no individual who is a registered producer may be appointed as the designated representative of another registered producer? (If "yes", to be eligible, a request to rescind that registration must accompany this form)

7. I hereby affirm that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Registered Producer completing this form) (Date form completed)

8. Date Designated Rep. Form received: _____

Please return this completed application together with payment to:
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