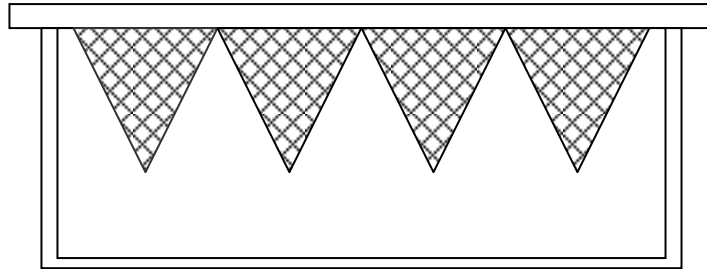


Donald Sims Adaptation of Dr Miller's Method of Queen Rearing

- 1 Select a Breeder colony; Give stimulation feed. Call this Box A. EARLY
- 2 Select a strong colony for rearing your larvae – Box C; feed for a few days. DAY -3
- 3 Prepare a frame for collecting eggs; use unwired foundation. DAY -2/3



- 4 Remove from Box A all but 2 frames of Brood into second empty Box B, shaking all the adhering bees back into Box A first. DAY 1
- 5 Place B on another colony over a QE. DAY 1
- 6 Place prepared frame between two Brood Frames in Box A. DAY 1
- 7 About one week later, examine the frame which should be laid-up. Brush bees back into A. Cut back the new comb to the youngest larvae. DAY 7
- 8 Kill or remove Queen from C. Place all Box C brood combs but NO BEES into B. DAY 7
- 9 Place prepared larvae into the Queenless Box C between two good food frames. DAY 7
- 10 (Box C now has all its bees including nurse bees and only the added brood to rear.)
- 11 A few days later, examine to count Queen cells available for Nucs. DAY 10/12
- 12 Unite Box B over newspaper including bees, with Box C. DAY 10/12
- 13 Make Nucs from B&C TEN days later.(ie after DAY 7) with a Q cell in each DAY 17/18

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(Adapted from notes in Donald Sims "Sixty Years with Bees" Northern Bee Books 1997)