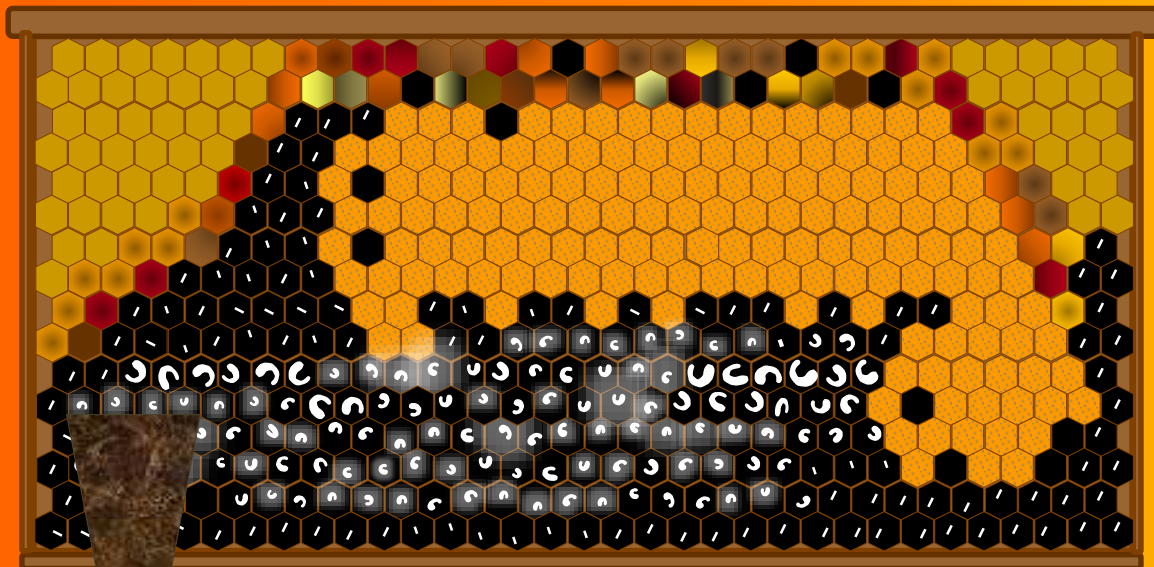


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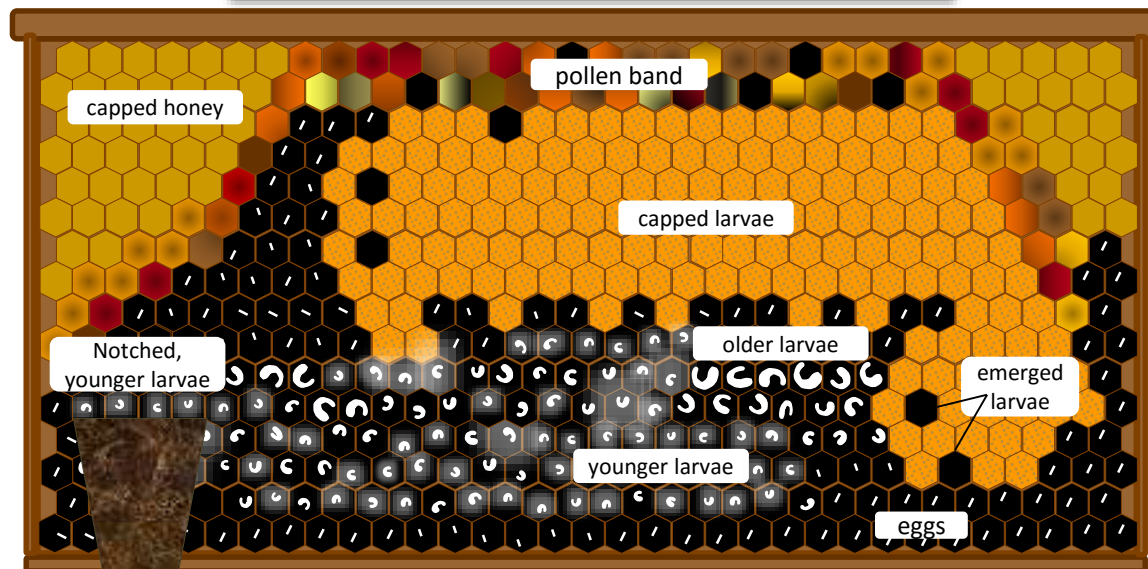
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“The art of beekeeping does not require full-strength hives at all times of the year, only during your surplus honey flows...” - Mel Disselkoen



Mel Disselkoen strives to identify and then direct the natural behaviors and seasonal reproductive cycles of the honeybee colony toward a profitable objective for the beekeeper in a way that simultaneously benefits the honeybee colony. A Master Beekeeper, he has kept bees for over 40 years and is familiar with all facets of beekeeping. In 1988, he authored *I.M.N. System of Queen Rearing* to document his discovery which eventually developed into *OTS Queen Rearing*, a beekeeping management method that fundamentally transforms the entire queen-rearing paradigm. Today he still utilizes *OTS Queen Rearing* to rear queens for honeybee colony starts in a timed way that biologically breaks the Varroa mites' breeding cycle. He has kept miticide-free bees for over 25 years and is dedicated to sharing his findings in order to help beekeepers become self-sufficient and to keep our honeybee colonies healthy and thriving.

"Since honeybee behavior is naturally directed toward survival and increase, beekeepers can adapt their management and business models to the honeybee's natural instincts so that stress is minimized and performance is optimized. By working within this philosophy of cooperating with nature, I have found that the best bee is the bee that can overwinter in your area."

- Mel Disselkoen

