

TEN GOLDEN RULES FOR HYGIENIC BEEKEEPING

1. Make two specific disease examinations per year in every colony.
2. Keep apiary clean & tidy. Use a refuse bin for hive scrapings.
3. Never use second hand comb.
4. Reduce disease burden; scorch/sterilise equipment regularly.
5. Isolate swarms and check for disease early.
6. Seal dead colonies; diagnose the cause.
7. Never feed honey from other sources.
8. Exchange comb with care; only within one apiary; includes supers.
9. Minimize robbing and drifting with hive arrangement and careful manipulation.
10. Regularly replace brood combs. (No comb over three years old or in poor condition)