

## WAX CAPPINGS

- 1) What do I do with wax cappings?
  - A) Set out in a covered location and let bees clean up, only if the cappings are from your own bees. (AFB)
- 2) How do I prepare cappings for filtering process?
  - A) Solar wax melter, or
  - B) Wash with hot water, as hot as you can put your hands into stir thoroughly several times. Do this as many times as you feel is necessary.
- 3) How to store wax cappings, if I do not have enough wax cappings to process at this time or I want to process wax at a later date, (winter project)
  - A) Store all unprocessed wax in the freezer.
- 4) Place wax cappings on double boiler until all cappings are liquid stirring periodically to make sure.
- 5) Pour hot wax through sweatshirt material fuzzy side up. Watch last dregs of pour making sure that the darkened portion of burnt black honey does not pour out into filtered wax. Used coffee cans make good containers for this process. Prior to pouring push opposite sides of container toward center to form a spout
- 6) Let poured wax cool till a film forms on top. Now ready to pour.
- 7) If showing wax and using metal or glass containers, heat containers to avoid shrinkage rings and stir wax periodically prior to pouring to have a more uniform temperature throughout to avoid shrinkage. This type of pour requires more wax as it will probably cool to much to completely empty all wax from container.
- 8) Buy wax processing equipment from yard sales and reuse.
- 9) Use mold release and candle lust for a more attractive finished product.
- 10) If needing premeasured amounts of wax at a later date for hand creams lotions etc. pour into containers while wax is hot instead of trying to break pieces apart at a later date.
- 11) Candle pricing is done by weight \$.44 to \$.68 per ounce and complexity of candle.