

## Transporting and Installing Your Queen Cell

### Queen Cell Alert – Now What

Before requesting a queen cell can you answer “yes” to all questions:

- ✓ Do I really need a cell – hive/nuc is queenless
- ✓ Can I pick up at the time and place listed in the alert
- ✓ Am I prepared to install the cell as soon as possible – it cannot wait until the next day. Temperature and humidity are important

Wait for a confirmation email

### How Do I Transport Her To The Apiary

#### What Do I Use?

- ✓ Protective container
- ✓ Deep enough to keep the cell upright
- ✓ Plastic bag with warm water in the bottom to keep cell warm but not wet
- ✓ Cotton balls, tissues, or cushy material to keep the cell protected
- ✓ Cell needs to breath – do not put against plastic bag



## How To Install a Queen Cell

1. Offload honey supers



2. Cover supers in case of robbing



3. Go to the Brood Box



4. Separate Two Brood Frames



5. Only place one cell per hive/nuc

6. Place cell in center of brood box but not under the hole from the inner cover



7. Place cell in center of frame - Protects the cell from hot and cold

8. Place Edges of Cell Cap onto Wooden Frame



9. Gently Push Frames Together - Enough to hold cell in place but not damage it





10. Your New Queen To Be(e) is in place



11. Reload Honey Supers - Carefully....do not disturb the cell - The queen cell tip may protrude even with a cell protector around it



12. Gently replace super on top of brood box and close up the hive



### Do I Have a Queen

- ✓ Once installed, the queen should emerge in a few days
- ✓ A quick check will tell you
- ✓ Bottom of cell will be hinged if she emerged correctly



Three weeks later if she mated and returned and all went well: Evidence of a Mated Queen (Eggs and larvae)

