

2018-19 Winter Loss Survey

Summary of results:

-We had 405 beekeepers, 442 apiaries, 1445 hives &* 530 NUCs represented this year!

-Winter Hive loss was 55% and NUC Loss was 31% - which is a trend in the right direction - down from 58% last year and 65% two years ago)

-Comparing management practices over the last 3 years, it appears that the winter loss data is being used to help beekeepers make their management decisions.

-Many of the trends we have seen in the last couple years continued this last winter.

-This year we included some charts comparing the results from the last 3 years... there are some interesting results looking at individual counties... We can't explain them- but they are interesting!

During the year we are hoping to do further analysis to understand why Merrimack county continues to have the highest losses as well as overlay data such as weather, etc.

The full results are at:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/075aba_0f8bb5737d95483f8544165fa7893f5a.pdf