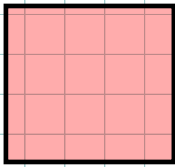


## EARLY SPRING COLONY SPLIT - GUIDELINES

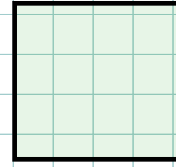
The object is to increase colonies and control swarming. Select a strong good quality colony. Stimulation feed early. Further feed will be needed. A marked queen will help. Additional hive and frames are needed also dummy frames. Note that there are several variations of this system. The principles involved can be discussed.

### ORIGINAL SITE

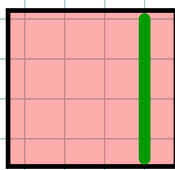


Strong colony to be split and to raise queen cells

### NEW SITE

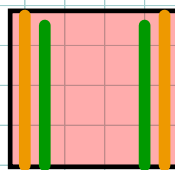
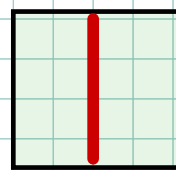


New box with drawn combs or foundation



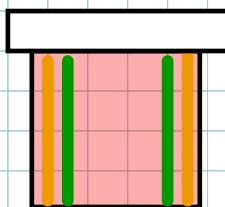
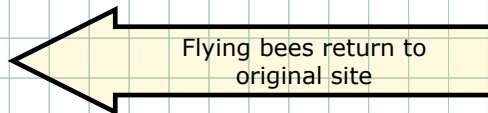
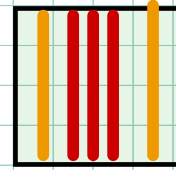
Find queen and remove her and her frame to new box. Replace new frame towards outside of brood nest.

Frame with queen and brood



Remove one frame of emerging brood and a good food frame with honey and pollen. Replace space with dummy frames on the outside of the nest.

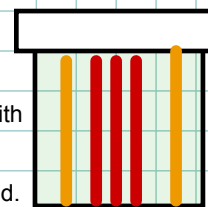
Insert combs from original box and ensure queen has food and space to lay immediately.



Queen cells develop. Reduce to three in one week. Remove first (oldest) queen cells. Remaining cells to be on separate frames.

**BOTH COLONIES NEED FEED; QUEEN BOX AFTER TWO DAYS, CELL RAISING COLONY IMMEDIATELY.**

Keep new colony compact with dummy frames but not crowded.



**WHEN QUEEN CELLS ARE SEALED MAKE UP MATING NUCS WITH ONE CELL EACH.**

**A SUPER ON THE ORIGINAL COLONY CAN BE LEFT IN PLACE ON SITE.**

**A NEW COLONY DEVELOPS WITH ORIGINAL QUEEN**

**NOTE THAT THESE GUIDELINES MAY BE MODIFIED BY LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**ONE CELL CAN BE LEFT IN THE RAISING COLONY TO RE-ESTABLISH THERE. DUMMIES USED SHOULD BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH NEW FRAMES AS SOON AS APPROPRIATE.**

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