

Notes and abbreviations

BG	Brood Given	Brood given from another mini-nuc; optionally record number of source mini-nuc, e.g. BG 12
C&M	Clipped & Marked	Noted in the inspection column to date the action. Also tick the 'Clip & Mark' column.
DLQ	Drone Laying Queen	Queen seen but consistently laying drone in worker. If queen not seen, suspect laying workers instead.
EGGS		Noted in the inspection column to date the first sighting of eggs. Also tick the 'Eggs' column.
FG	Food Given	Stores given from another mini-nuc; optionally record number of mini-nuc stores were from, e.g. FG 24
LW	Laying Workers	Egg laying pattern and absence of queen strongly indicates laying workers.
MT	eMpTy	Mini-nuc was found empty due to dispersal and/or absconding. Use RIP instead if colony has died in situ.
QE	Queen Emerged	Noted in the inspection column to date the observation. Also tick the 'Queen Emerged' column.
QL	Queen Less	Colony has been verified to be queenless; careful search shows no queen present.
QNE	Queen Not Emerged	Queen cell failed to emerge. Noted in the inspection column to date the observation.
QNS	Queen Not Seen	Colony appears queenright by behaviour and (ideally) presence of eggs, but the queen was not seen.
QRM	Queen ReMoved	If recorded on its own (after C&M), indicates laying queen moved onwards normally. May be recorded alongside DWV or DQL when the queen is removed due to fault or failure.
QS	Queen Seen	Laying queen was seen. Use VQS instead if the queen is not in lay yet.
RIP	Colony dead	
VQS	Virgin Queen Seen	Young (pre-laying) queen seen. Inspection may wisely be terminated at this point.
WEAK / STRONG		Significant adult population weakness or strength. Normal population is assumed if no comment noted.
WG	Workers Given	Workers added from another colony; optionally record source, e.g. WG 109
xFR	<i>number</i> of FR ames	Frame total recorded after a change. Nature of the change is apparent from number of resulting frames, usually 3, 5, 8, or 10. Not recorded for a 3 frame Apidea unless reverting from a higher previous frame number.
?		Appended to any note to indicate uncertainty; check again at next inspection.
✓	All OK	Colony checked and as expected at this stage of mating. No changes and nothing abnormal to note.