

CIBA President Newscast for October 2024 – delivered monthly when there's no BEELINE

*From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:*

This Newscast is going to be brief since I need to be tending to my bees. What does tending mean?

I am just finishing up treating for mites. There were several hives that had a LOT of mites -- they are now deceased!! How do I know this -- I have screen bottom boards and when I check the pullout, I see the dead mites.

I only hope that you have accomplished this task by now. The bees need to produce "fat" bees for the winter that are mite free. They need the time the rest of this month to do this. If they still have a lot of mites on them now -- it will be tough for them to survive the winter.

The other task is making sure they have enough honey stores for the winter. I am feeding sugar at the rate of 2:1 to all of my hives that do not have enough stored honey. You can lift the hive and get an idea of how much honey is in the hive.

This is a good time to resend the timeline that Linn Wilbur has put together for us a year or so ago. It is attached.

We had a great meeting a couple weeks ago. We had a good presentation on making mead but we also unveiled the new program called "Bees and Beyond". It is a program where we are connecting beekeepers to educators and children. Check it out on our website. [Bees & Beyond | CIBA \(centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org\)](https://centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org)

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