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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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FORECASTING WEATHER FOR BEES

Many people consult the Weather Bureau before planning a picnic or a week end expedition. Now even bees have the benefit of this advice! Bees should have a cleansing flight, a couple of days outing, before being placed in winter quarters. In the northern states bee keepers are often puzzled to know when is the best time for this move. In the fall of 1923 the Weather Bureau started a special service for honey producers. In the region north of the Ohio River and between Ohio and Michigan on the east and Wyoming and Montana on the west, if a bee keeper registers his request he can obtain the service.

A telegram will be sent at his expense to inform him whenever in November a day or two with temperatures over 50 degrees Fahrenheit and clear weather followed by cloudy and colder may be expected. In New York the Weather Bureau carries on a similar service in cooperation with the State College of Agriculture, and also advises keepers of favorable conditions for removing bees from cellars in the spring. The bees of Great Britain also receive special forecasts from the British Meteorological Office that the land may be blest with honey.

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