



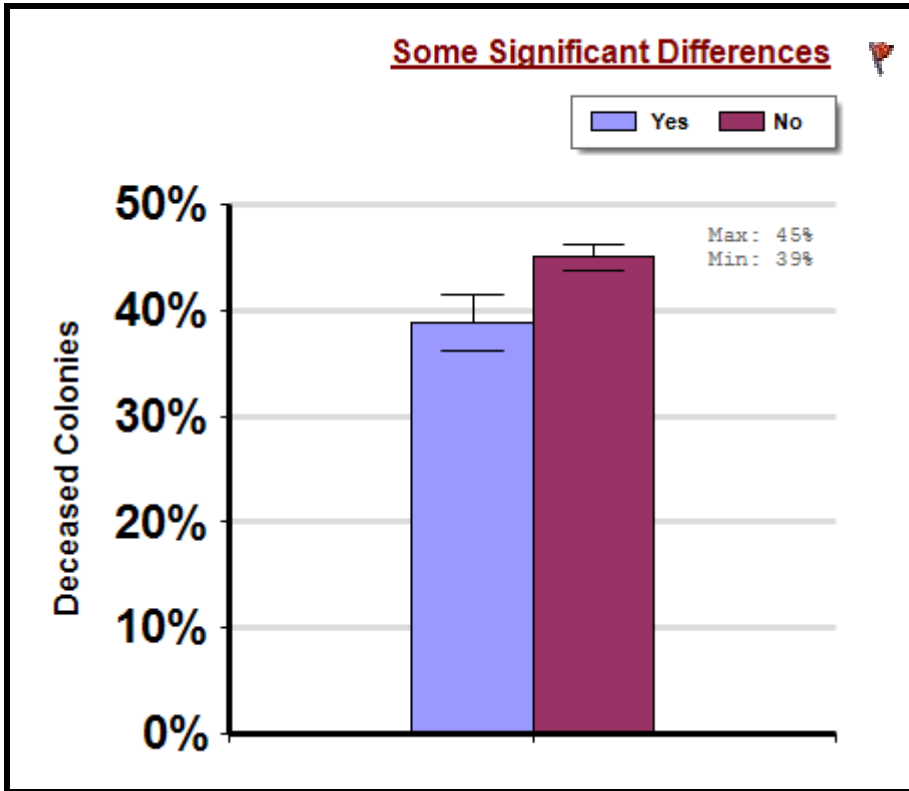
# Brood Comb Reuse

Management Survey 2013

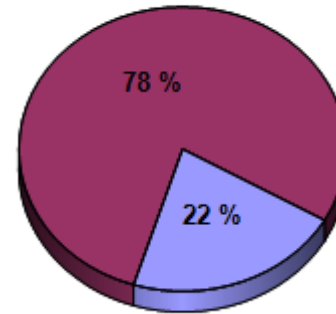
Average winter colony mortality reported by beekeepers who did or did not re-use any old brood comb in their colonies between April and March.

## Winter

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## Participant Ratio



## Interpretation

Beekeepers who reported that they did not reuse comb lost on average 6.1 fewer colonies per 100 managed colonies than those who did reuse old comb. In other words, beekeepers who didn't reuse old brood comb lost an average 14% fewer colonies than beekeepers who reused old comb.

## Survey Question

Between April, 2012 and March, 2013, before you re-used brood comb that you had taken out of production or purchased, did you...

Check all that apply

- I did not reuse any old brood comb
- Cull any particularly old or bad combs and replace them
- Irradiate the comb
- Fumigate the comb with acetic acid
- Freeze the comb
- Store the comb with paradichlorobenzene crystals
- Did not treat the comb in any particular way
- Other (please specify)

		Total Number of Respondents Providing	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Number of Colonies Managed	Average Colony Loss

		Valid Responses				Mean(%) [Lower, Upper] CI
				Mean	Standard Error	
Did Not Reuse comb	Yes	808	3,924	4.9	0.3	38.9 [36.2, 41.6]
	No	2,950	526,654	178.5	32.4	45.0 [43.8, 46.3]

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## Comments About This Data

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