



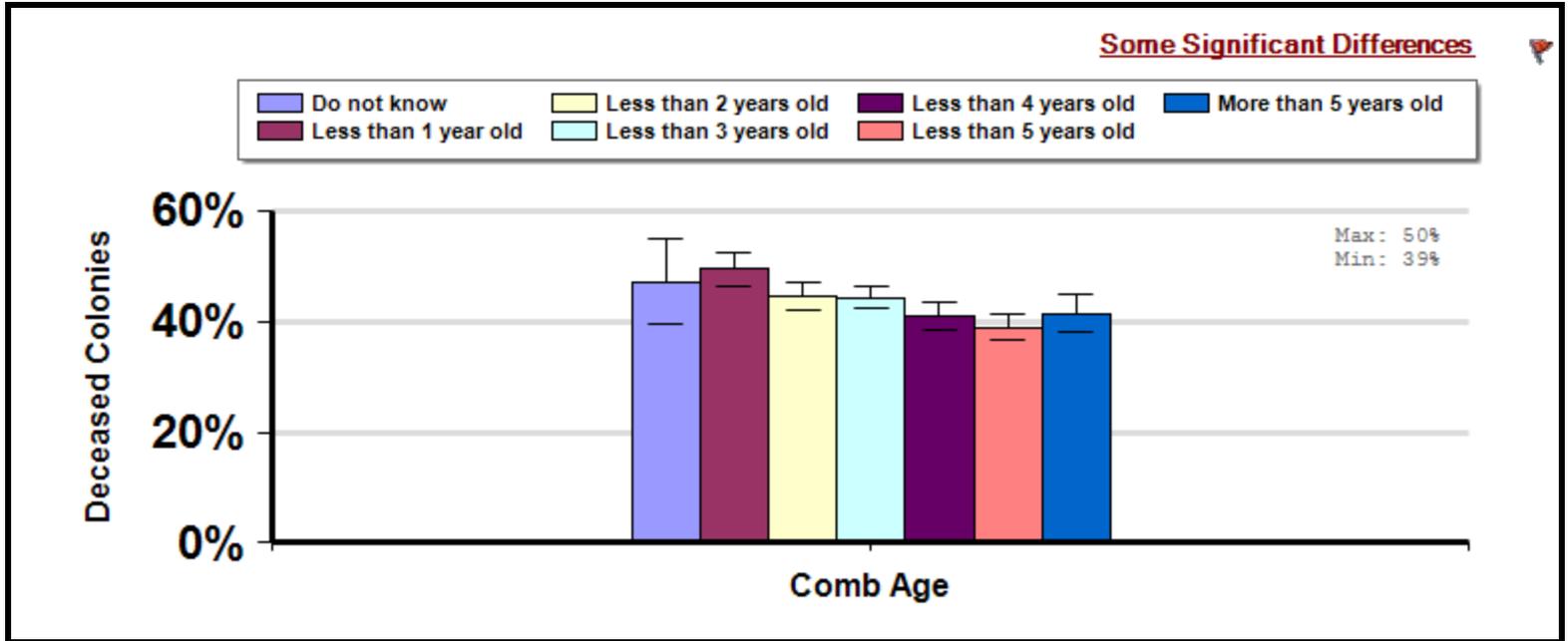
Average Brood Comb Age

Management
Survey 2013

Average winter colony mortality suffered by beekeepers who kept bees in colonies with brood comb of different ages.

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Interpretation

There are some significant differences between average ages of brood comb. Beekeepers who had brood comb less than a year old in their colonies reported losing more overwintering colonies than those beekeepers whose colonies had brood comb 2 years and older.

Survey Question

What proportions of your colonies brood comb fall into the following age ranges?
If you do not know just skip this question, otherwise the proportions should total 100%

- More than 5 years old
- Between 4 and 5 years old
- Between 3 and 4 years old
- Between 2 and 3 years old
- Between 1 and 2 years old
- Less than 1 year old

		Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Number of Colonies Managed		Average Colony Loss
				Mean	Standard	Mean(%) [Lower. Upper] CI

					Error	
Comb Age	Do not know	107	6,939	64.9	36.8	47.3 [39.6, 54.9]
	Less than 1 year old	752	85,376	113.5	95.1	49.6 [46.5, 52.6]
	Less than 2 years old	922	6,471	7.0	0.5	44.6 [42.2, 47.0]
	Less than 3 years old	1,181	13,563	11.5	1.2	44.4 [42.4, 46.4]
	Less than 4 years old	664	49,382	74.4	34.8	41.1 [38.6, 43.7]
	Less than 5 years old	704	100,526	142.8	45.5	38.9 [36.6, 41.3]
	More than 5 years old	302	246,301	815.6	131.8	41.4 [38.0, 44.9]

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