



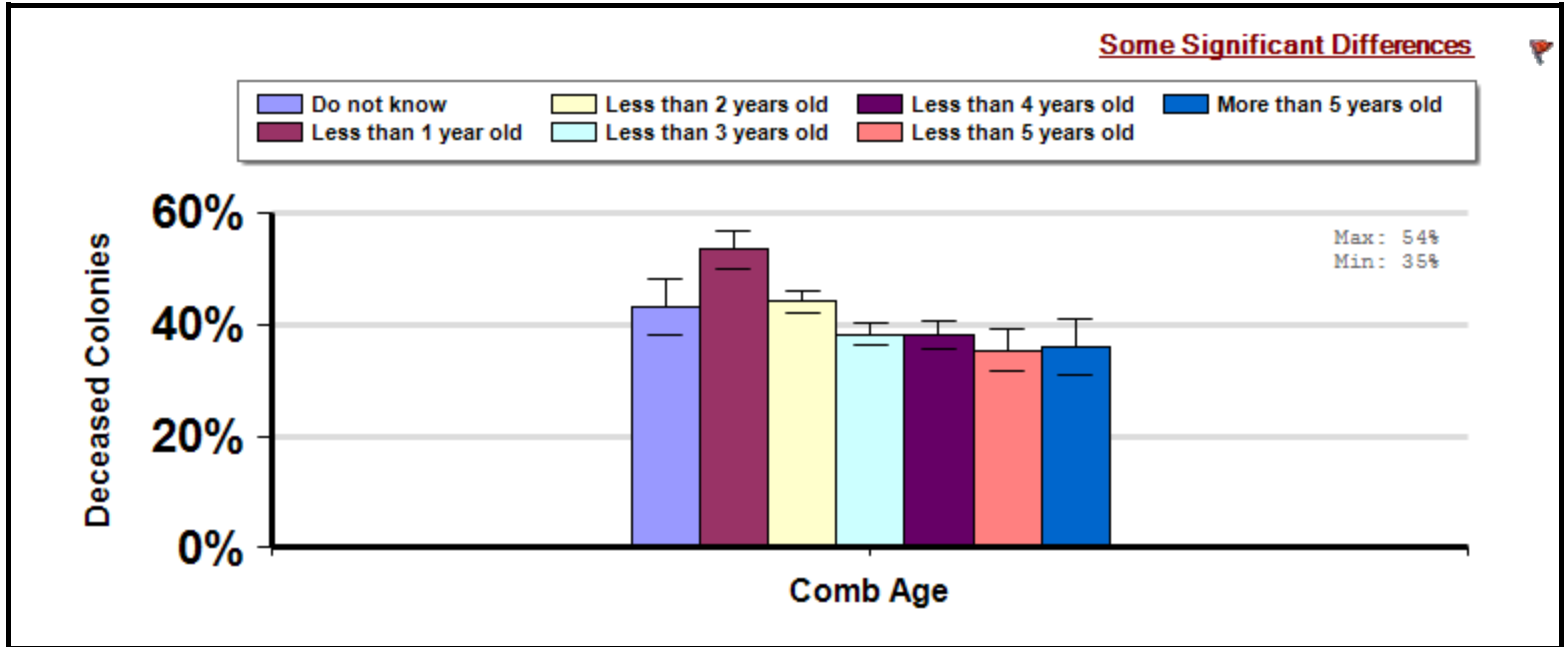
Average Brood Comb Age

Management
Survey 2015

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

Winter

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Interpretation

Beekeepers who kept their bees in colonies with brood comb of less than 2 years old reported significantly higher overwintering colony deaths than beekeepers who used brood comb older than 2 years.

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 Error	Mean(%) [Lower, Upper] CI

Comb Age	Do not know	229	23,249	101.5	68.0	43.2 [38.1, 48.2]
	Less than 1 year old	559	1,879	3.4	0.2	53.5 [50.1, 57.0]
	Less than 2 years old	1,367	9,318	6.8	0.4	44.1 [42.1, 46.1]
	Less than 3 years old	1,266	58,117	45.9	18.1	38.3 [36.4, 40.1]
	Less than 4 years old	632	35,108	55.6	17.0	38.1 [35.6, 40.7]
	Less than 5 years old	247	111,468	451.3	258.3	35.4 [31.6, 39.1]
	More than 5 years old	147	113,055	769.1	211.2	36.1 [31.0, 41.1]

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