

Westport Beekeepers Association

The interpretations below were devised by Michael Mac Giolla Coda

Each question should be answered whenever a colony is opened.

Example of Hive Record Card

Date Temp	1 Room	2 QPL	3 Develop	4 Disease	5 Stores	A Docility	B Stead iness	C Brood Pattern	D Pollen Storage	E Comb Build	Comments Signature
5/6/12	Super	Cmyn	7 Br	Chb	1ltr	3	0	3	2	1	PB

Hoopers 5 Questions

1. Has the colony sufficient room until next time? **(Answer: Super needed next visit.)**
2. Is the Queen present and laying the expected quantity of eggs? **(Answer: Clipped & Marked Yellow. Not seen/Present).**
3. Is the colony developing as fast as others? Any Queen cells present? **(Answer: 7 Frames with Brood. No Queen cells Present).**
4. Are there any signs of disease or abnormality? **(Answer: Chalk Brood present)**
5. Are there sufficient stores to last until the next inspection? **(Answer: Feed a 1 Litre of syrup).**

The Headings and recordings for the five additional columns A,B, C, D, E, may be interpreted as follows:

A	Docility (Non jumping, non stinging, non following)
B	Steadiness on comb (Absence of running)
C	Brood Pattern (Compactness of brood, absence of empty cells).
D	Pollen Storage (Pollen packed over, around, and under the brood nest)
E	Comb Building (Speed in occupying supers, drawing foundation, honey storage, and quality of comb capping).

A rating of **0 to 5** is given to each of these characteristics.

0 = Unsatisfactory

1 = Satisfactory

2 = Good

3 = Very Good

4 = Excellent

5 = Outstanding

Development Times for Honey Bees (Days)

Caste	Egg	Larva	Pupa	Total
Worker	3	5.5	12.5	21
Drone	3	6.3	14.7	24
Queen	3	4.6	8.4	16

