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The Great Plains Master Beekeeping (GPMB) program (<https://gpmb.unl.edu/>) is a regional education program that spans the Midwest. We partner with beekeeping organizations (such as NEKBA) to bring education opportunities for both new and experienced beekeepers. Our focus is to support local associations and help provide beekeepers with more mentors, resources, and hands-on training opportunities that help promote best management practices which will improve the health of our hives.

GPMB Session 1 – My Fair Lady.

Apiary: 2:15 pm – 3:10 pm

Description: Join the UNL Bee Lab team and Great Plains Master Beekeeper mentors for hands-on hive inspections to investigate the signs of failing colonies and to work out whether it is the queen to blame or other colony factors.

***Class duration: 1 hour; Class size limited to 20 people. Pre-register at Bldg. 21 Registration table

GPMB Session 2 – To Cull or Not to Cull?

Apiary: 3:15 pm – 4:10 pm

Description: Join the UNL Bee Lab team and Great Plains Master Beekeeper mentors as they examine comb in various conditions and discuss comb replacement, including which, how, when, and what to remove from your operation.

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Dr. Judy Wu-Smart

The Why, When's, and How's of Comb Replacement

Dr. Autumn Smart

Reproducing a Superorganism Honey Bee Anatomy and Functional Morphology