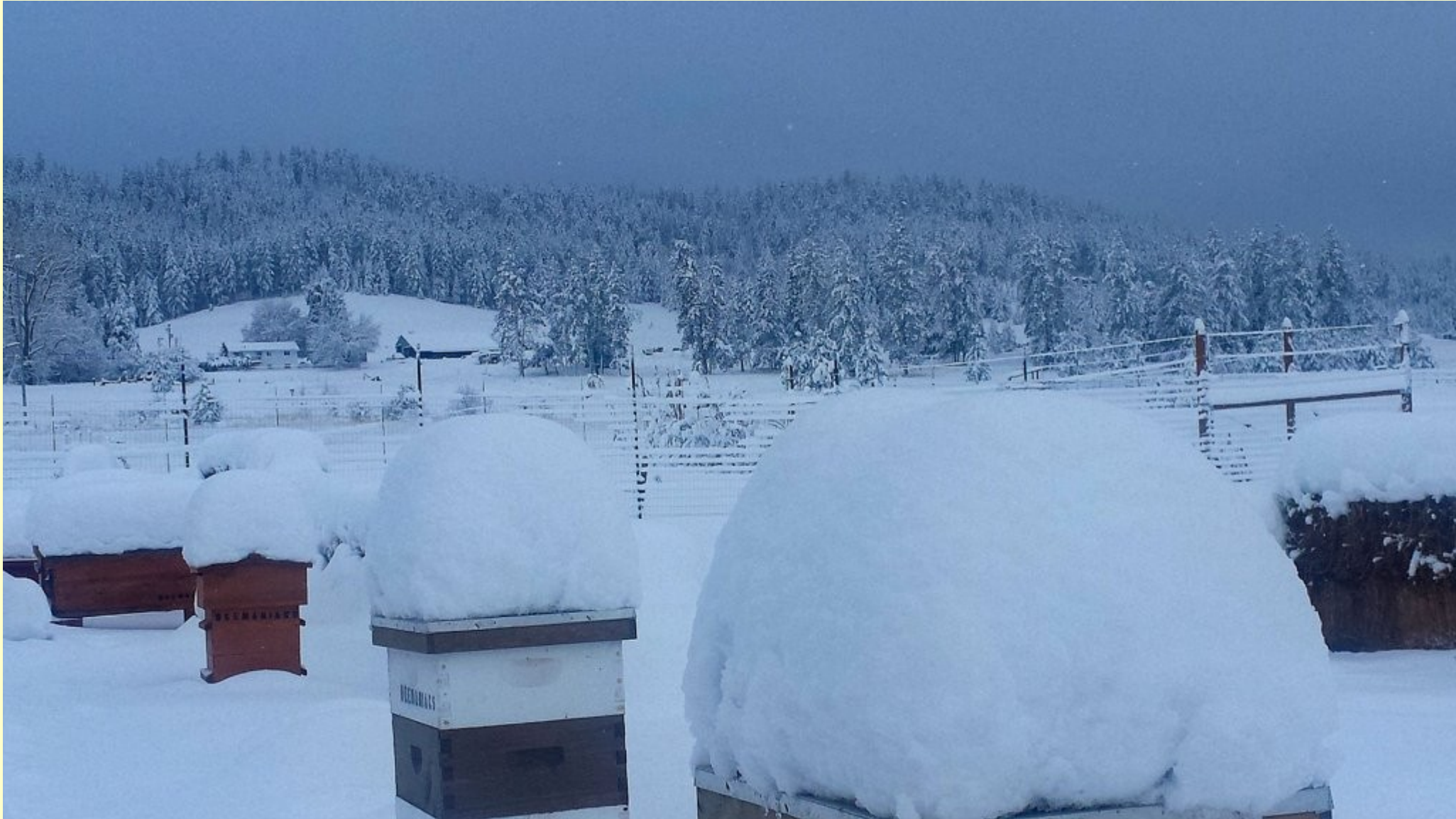
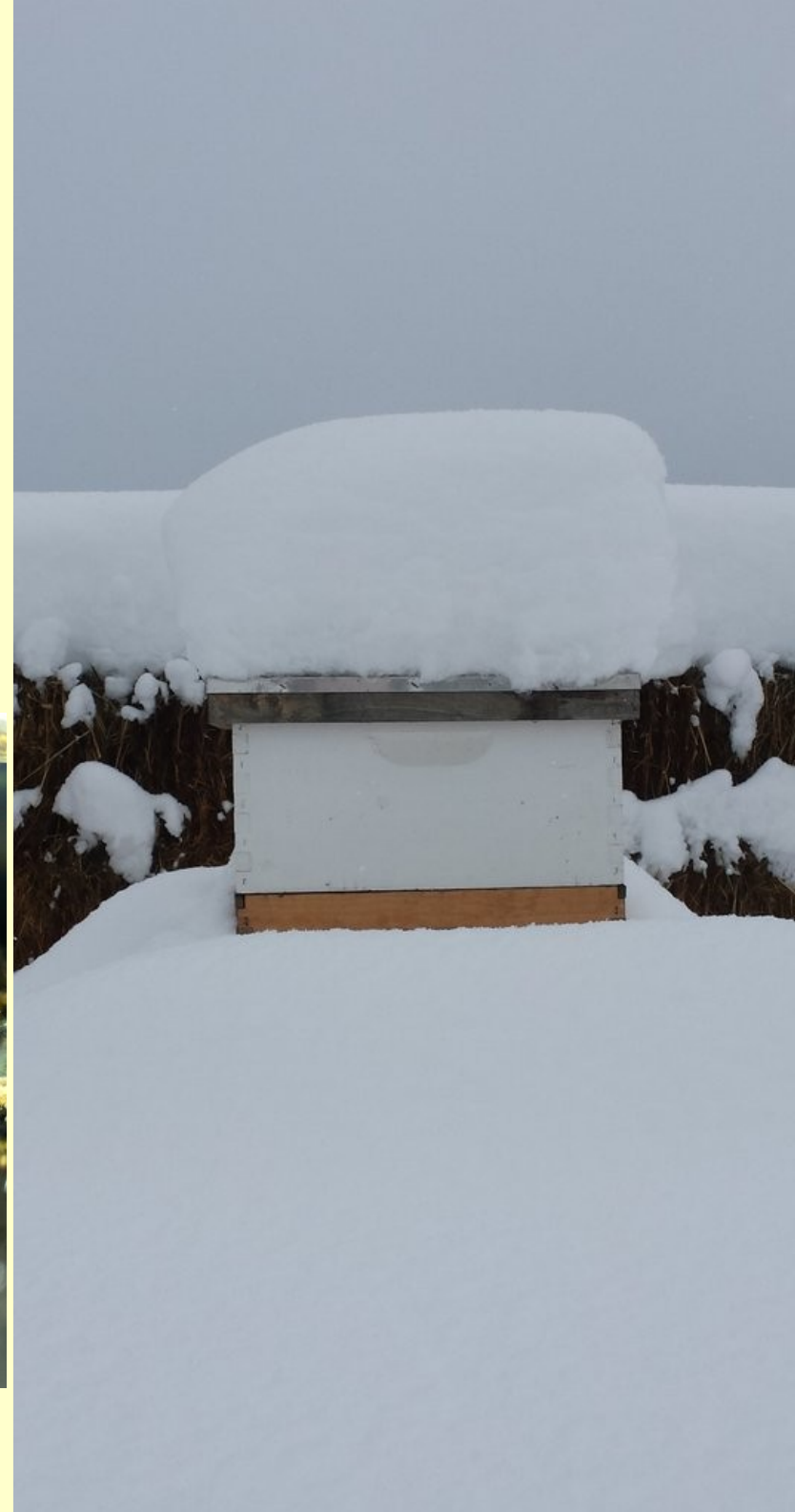


# Starting Your Second Year



# Winter

- Open entrance/ventilation
- Remove dead bees








# Feeding

- In cold weather try to check hive weight
- If bees are breaking cluster, you can add food (if needed)
  - Honey bank recommended
  - Solid emergency food if needed (liquid food in 50F+)
  - Feed as growth stimulant
  - Opinions or approaches to feeding

 BeeManiacs

*Honey  
Bank*

 BeeManiacs

*Wet  
Frames*



# What Killed My Bees

- Find out if you should do something different
- Different bee race?
- Different hardware setup?
- History review/Planning ahead
- Order live bees as early as possible

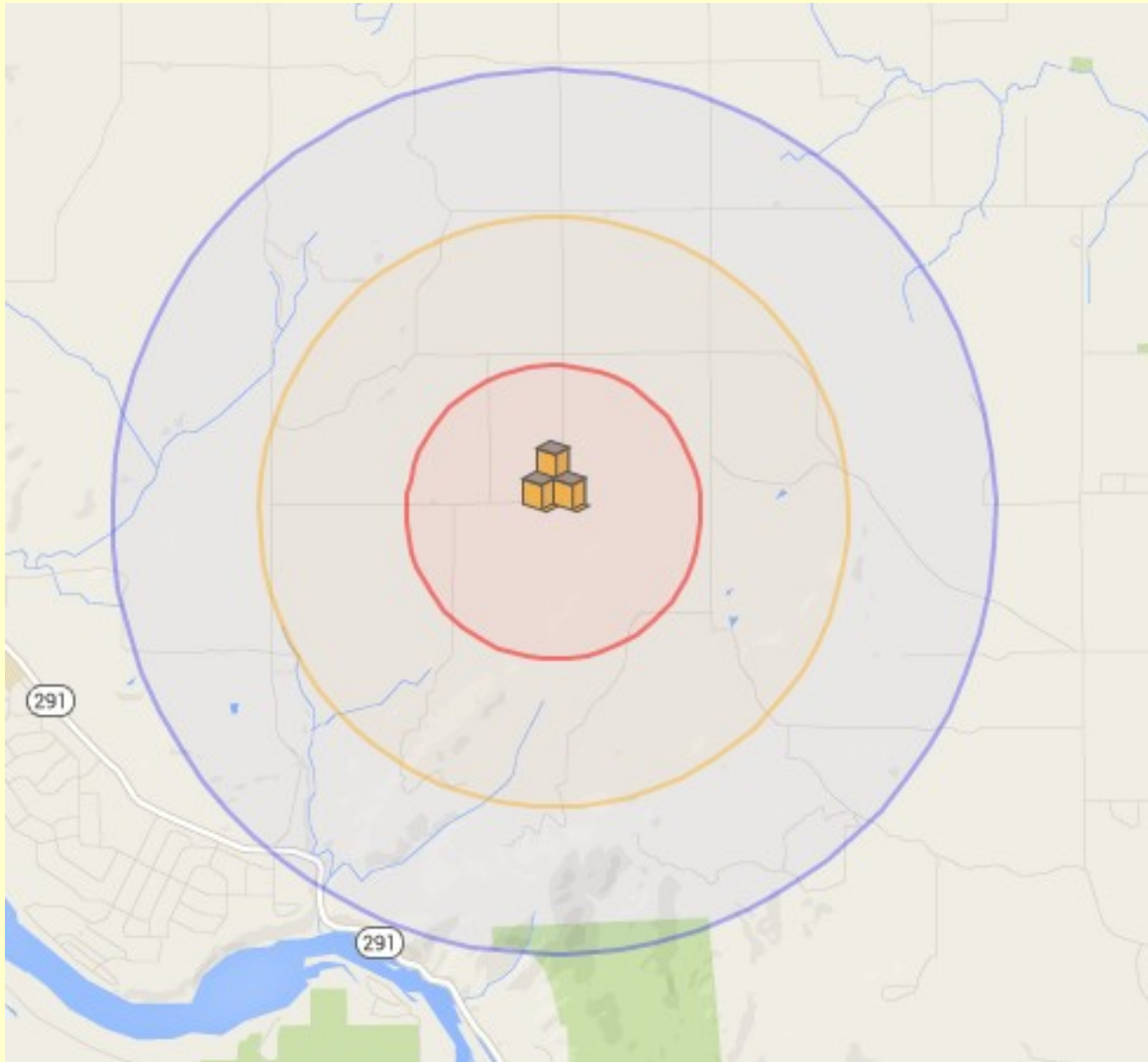


# Cleaning

- As you take dead hives down, check for diseases (last talk today)
- In most cases you can re-use your combs and boxes
- Spring cleaning time
  - Remove burr comb and propolis
  - Replace old comb (4 – 5 years)
  - Remove dead bees
  - Scratch capped brood (for faster removal by bees)

# Relocating Hives

- More than 3 miles or less than 2 feet





# Queens

- 2015, the year of the bad queens
  - Even known good queen producers made bad queens
  - Some queens didn't last for at least one season
- 2016, the year you should start making your own
  - Can't be worst than the purchased ones
  - Lower cost
  - Each year genetics improve



