Massachusetts Fall Meeting
Saturday October 6, 2012
Leicester, Ma.

Our 2012 fall meeting and honey show will be held Knights of Columbus Hall Leicester, Ma.
Honey Show Rules

Lunch Reservation must be recived by Saturday September 29th **Registration Form**

Speakers: Dr. Jamie Ellis, Univ. of Florida

Dr. James Tew, Auburn Univ.

This will be an all day Saturday meeting sponsored by the Worcester County Beekeepers Association and Massachu-setts Beekeepers Association. This program is FREE EXCEPT for your lunch if ordered**.**

A catered lunch will be available for a cost of $10. The menu includes buffet bread and rolls, cold cuts, pasta salad, potato salad, garden salad, fruit salad, and cookies. Please see order form on p. 2 of the newsletter.

8:30—9am Free Coffee and Danish and Bee Talk

9-9:15am Welcome — Dan Conlon, Mass Bee President and Norman Mercier, WCBA President

9:15-9:30am Commendations to State Senator Stephen Brewer, State Senator Michael Moore,| State Representative Anne Gobi, and State Representative Kim Ferguson

9:30-10:45am Dr. Jamie Ellis — “The Plight of the Honey Bee: An Overview of Colony Health, CCD, and Current Trends in the U.S. Beekeeping Industry”

10:45am-12pm Dr. James Tew — "Evaluating Colonies Without Opening Them”

12-1pm Lunch (Catered lunch may be purchased with order form on p. 2)

1-2:15pm Dr. Jamie Ellis — “Bee Research at the University of Florida”

2:15-3:30pm Dr. James Tew — “Living With Bee Questions that Don’t Have Clear Answers’

3:30-4:00pm Announcement of State Honey Show winners and Raffle Drawing Dan Conlon

4-4:15pm Final Comments and Closing -- Dan Conlon and Norman Mercier

Jamie Ellis has a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Georgia (UGA). In 2004, Jamie was awarded his PhD in Entomology from Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa. In 2006, Jamie joined the Entomology and Nematology faculty at the University of Florida (UF) as an Assistant Professor. Jamie has responsibilities in extension, instruction and re-search. Jamie created the AFBEE program (African Bee Extension and Educati on Program), the UF Bee College, and the UF Master Beekeeper Program. As an instructor, Jamie currently supervises 1 PhD and 1 masters student in addition to offering an online beekeeping course. Currently, Jamie conducts research on honey bee husbandry and ecology, pesticide impacts on honey bees, African honey bees, and native pollinator ecology and conservation. Jamie is also a bivocational youth minister at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in High Springs, FL. Jamie and his wife Amanda are the parents of Mathias, Analy, and Jude Ellis.

Dr. James E. Tew is currently the Beekeeping Specialist for the Alabama Cooperative Extension ·System, Auburn University. Before retiring in 2011, Dr. Tew served as the State Extension Beekeeping Specialist at The Ohio State University for 34 years. Since1975 Jim has taught classes , provided extension services, and conducted applied research on honey bees and honey bee behavior - specifically pollination behavior. Additionally, he continues to contribute monthly articles for national beekeeping publications and has written: *Beekeeping Principles* and *Backyard Beekeeping*. He is a frequent speaker at state and national meetings and has traveled extensively to observe beekeeping techniques. Jim has five grand kids who keep him spry and active. For enjoyment, he wood works, photographs, and feeds ungrateful birds.