

BAILEY COMB CHANGE - WEAK COLONY

WEEK 1 - SET UP		WEEK 2		WEEK 3	WEEK 5	
equipment	manipulation	equipment	manipulation	manipulation	equipment	manipulation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean brood box with sterilised drawn comb • 2 or 4 dummy boards • Bailey board or queen excluder(QE) & eke, making upper entrance above the QE • Means of closing original lower entrance • Clean crown board • Feeder & eke 2:1 feed (thick/heavy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove all food frames from the original brood box. Take frame with queen on and place in clean brood box. Place this box with clean frames above Bailey board over old brood box. Match number of drawn frames with number in bottom box & close with dummy boards • Place clean crown board • Add feeder with feed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sterilised drawn brood comb (also needed weeks 3 - 5 until full compliment in clean brood box) • 2:1 feed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen is in upper box and should have moved onto new comb. Remove old comb and return it to bottom brood box. Add 2 or 3 more drawn sterilised combs. Close up with dummy boards • Check lower box for queen cells and remove if found (tho unlikely in a weak colony) • Continue with feed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a few more drawn sterilised combs in the clean top brood box • Check feeder and refill as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove Bailey board, or queen excluder & upper entrance, and lower brood box and old floor. Place clean floor and brood box with brood and queen over it. Re-instate lower entrance. • Continue to add sterilised drawn comb as necessary to reach full compliment. • Dispose of old frames appropriately • Continue to feed if support still needed