



TVBC 2025 Fall Survey Highlights

October 14 - November 21, 2025

247 Members Surveyed

73 Responses (29%)

- 291 Hives reported - beginning of year**
- + 272 Added (77 nucs, 23 packages, 85 swarms, 8 gifts, 79 splits)
- 563 Total Hives Reported + Added**
- 95 Reported lost (60 death/dearth, 10 donated, 25 sold)
- = 468 *Should be total at time of survey*

- 217 Hives reported at survey time**

Show me the money



Cost of NUCs and Packages

\$14,245 For 77 nucs @ \$185 each

\$3,680 For 23 packages @ \$160 each

\$17,925 Spent

Value of Swarms and Splits

\$13,600 For 85 nucs @ \$160 each

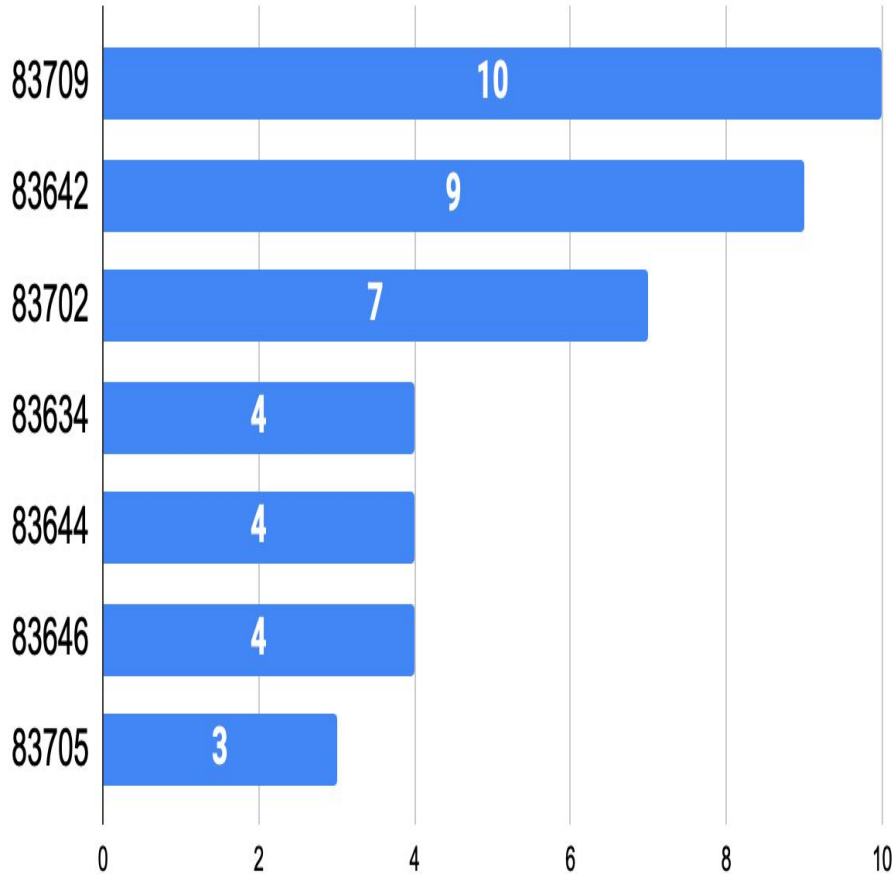
\$12,640 For 79 packages @ \$160 each

\$26,240 Earned

Apiaries and Experience*

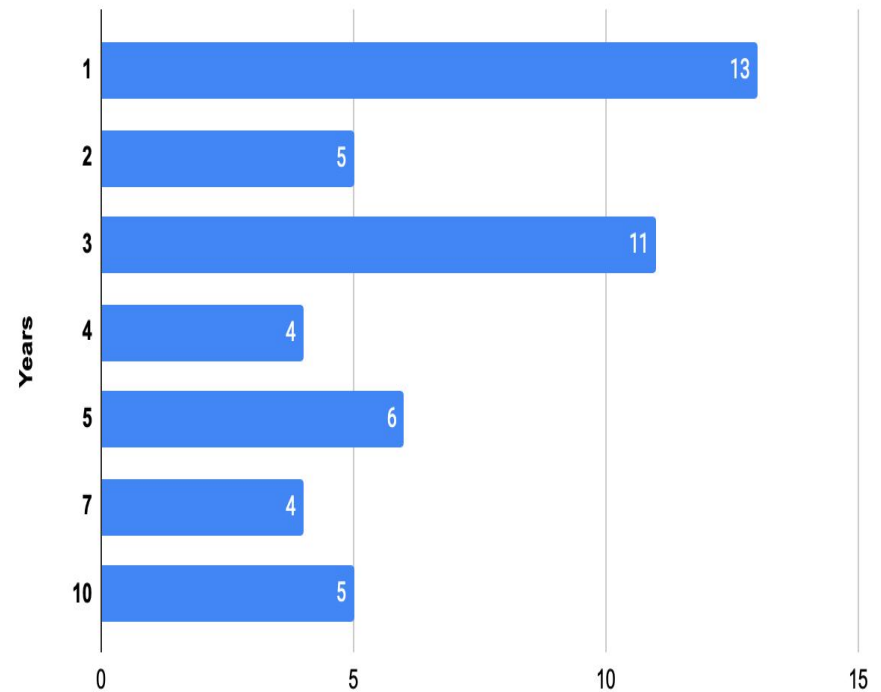


Apiaries by Zip Code



*Significant clusters

Beekeepers by Years of Experience



Average Experience: 6 yrs

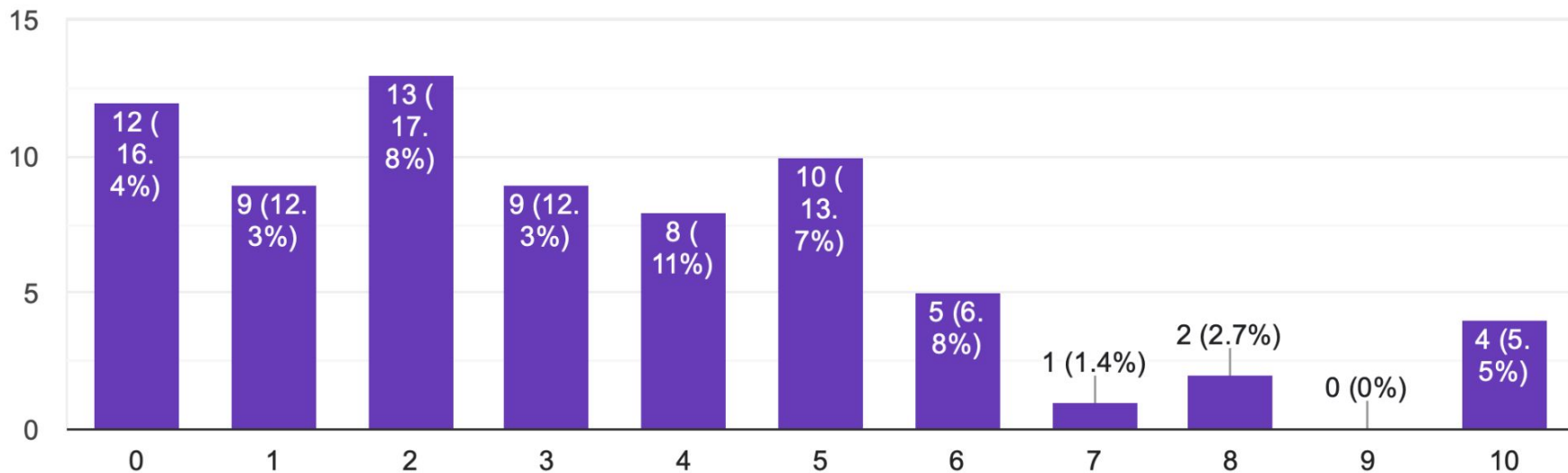
Median Experience: 3 yrs

Varroa Testing Frequency



How many times did you actively test for Varroa mites? NOTE: using any method we've discussed, such as alcohol wash sample, bottom board counts, etc.

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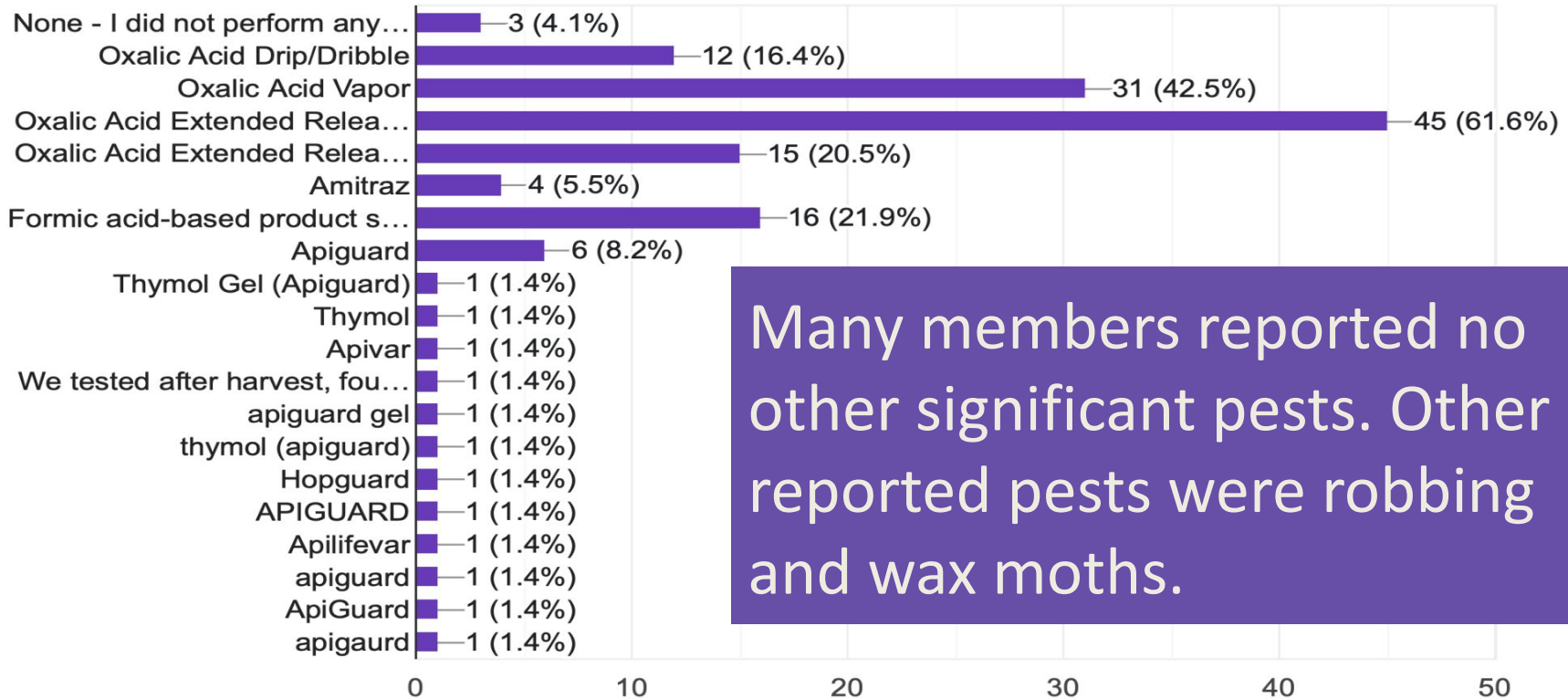


Varroa Management Methods



What Varroa mite management methods did you use? NOTE: Check all that you used.

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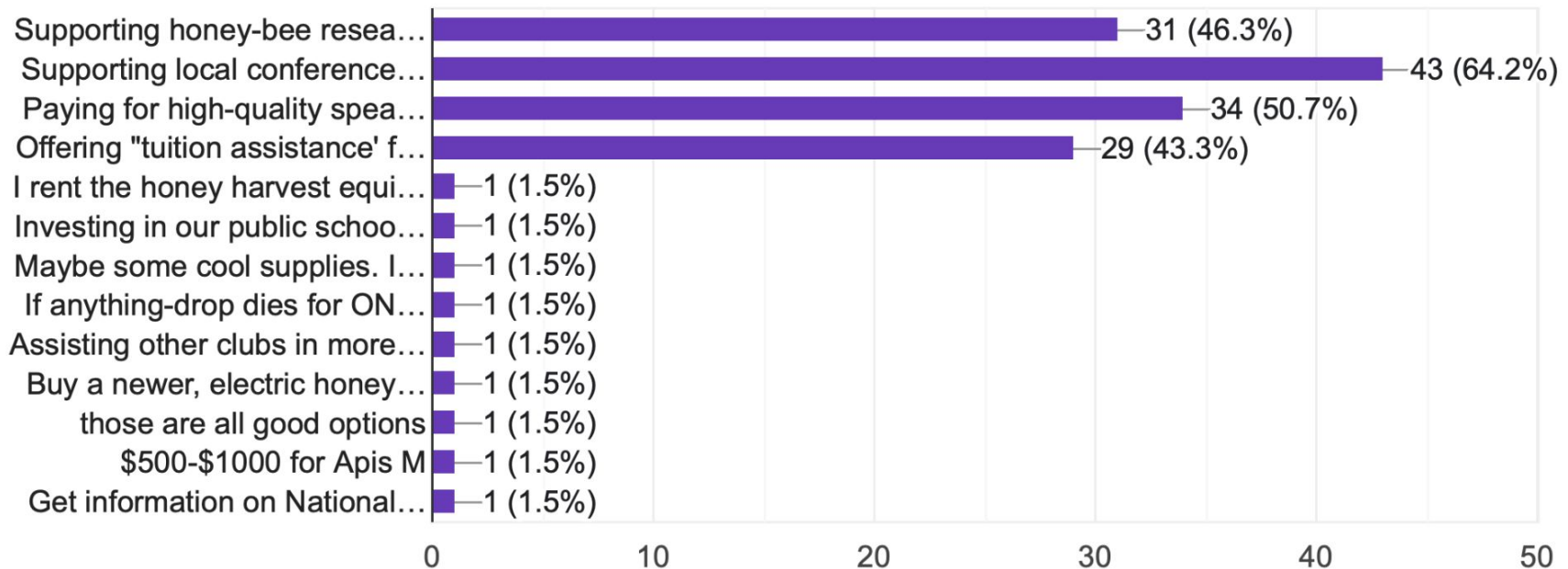
Many members reported no other significant pests. Other reported pests were robbing and wax moths.

Spending Suggestions



Our club has maintained a cash balance for the past few years above and beyond what is needed to cover our operational costs and cash reserve. If y... you suggest? NOTE: You can pick multiple options.

67 responses



Member Education



- **Oregon State University (OSU) Programs:** Many are involved in or have completed the OSU Apprentice Program (including Master Beekeeping Program - OMBP) or are working on the Journey level.
- **Lack of Formal Education:** A significant number of responses indicated having 'None' or 'No' formal education at this time.
- **Other University Courses:** Formal education was also received through Cornell University and the University of AR Beekeeping classes, as well as UC Davis in the '70s.
- **Classes and Conferences:** Some have taken numerous classes, meetings, and conferences, including master beekeeper classes and beginner classes.
- **Informal Learning:** Other forms of learning include reading several books, watching videos, and getting hands-on help from experienced beekeepers.



Thank You Members For Participating!

