

## HINTS ON BEE KEEPING AND HUCKLEBERRIES ON LONG ISLAND

The unusually heavy fruit bloom this spring should build up the colonies to maximum strength for the coming honey flows. There is also danger of the colonies becoming crowded for room, thus causing swarming.

The following suggestions about swarm control should prove helpful: See that each colony has sufficient room for raising brood and storing honey. This may be accomplished by giving each strong colony an extra hive body or super in which to store the surplus honey. Give the bees plenty of air by enlarging the hive entrance.

For further particulars, write the State Institute at Farmingdale for a free bulletin on the care of bees.

The State Institute now has four improved blueberry bushes—one of which is the noted "Katherine" variety. The Katherine is the best of 3000 hybrids grown by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. According to Miss E. C. White of the U. S. Department Testing Station, Whitebog, N. J., less than 3 per cent of the berries of the Katherine variety are under one-half inch in diameter. In all other respects the fruit is equal to or better than our ordinary wild varieties.

This should be of interest to the people of Long Island as the soil, climate, etc., is almost ideal for growing blueberries.

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