Quarterly Colony Loss
Practice Interviews

Practice Interview 1: Operator is responding, address/phone info is correct

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 did this operation own or control any apiaries? Yes

On October 1, 2020, how many total colonies did you own, regardless of location? 12
On December 31, 2020, how many total colonies did you own, regardless of location? 12

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, in which state were your colonies located?
California
Were colonies located in California on October 1, 2020? Yes
How many colonies did you have in California on October 1, 2020? 10
Of these 10 colonies in California, how many were completely lost or dead out between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 1
Of the 10 colonies in California, how many were requeened? 0
Received nucs or packages between October 1 and December 31? 0
How many new colonies did you add in California between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 0

Did you have colonies in another state? Yes

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, in which state were your colonies located? Oregon
Were colonies located in Oregon on October 1, 2020? Yes
How many colonies did you have in Oregon on October 1, 2020? 2
Of these 2 colonies in Oregon, how many were completely lost or dead out between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 0
Of the 2 colonies in Oregon, how many were requeened? 0
Received nucs or packages between October 1 and December 31? 1
How many new colonies did you add in Oregon between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 1

Did you have colonies in another state? No

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, did this operation sell any colonies? No
Of the total colonies owned between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 did any lost colonies experience all of the following symptoms? Yes – 1 colony

Of the 10 colonies owned in California between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 how many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to varroa mites? 2
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to other pests and parasites? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to diseases? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to pesticides? 3
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to other causes? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to unknown causes? 0

Of the 2 colonies owned in Oregon between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, how many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to varroa mites? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to other pests and parasites? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to diseases? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to pesticides? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to other causes? 1
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How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to unknown causes? 0

Practice Interview 2: Spouse, Mrs. Honey Farmer is responding. Address/Telephone info is correct.

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 did this operation own or control any apiaries? Yes
On October 1, 2020, how many total colonies did you own, regardless of location? 150
On December 31, 2020, how many total colonies did you own, regardless of location? 158

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, in which state were your colonies located? New Mexico
Were colonies located in New Mexico on October 1, 2020? Yes
How many colonies did you have in New Mexico on October 1, 2020? 150
Of these 150 colonies in New Mexico, how many were completely lost or dead out between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 0
Of the 150 colonies in New Mexico, how many were requeened? 2
Received nucs or packages between October 1 and December 31? 8
How many new colonies did you add in New Mexico between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 0

Did you have colonies in another state? Yes

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, in which state were your colonies located? Washington
Were colonies located in Washington on October 1, 2020? No
How many colonies did you have in Washington when they were first moved into the state? 150
Of these 150 colonies in Washington, how many were completely lost or dead out between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 15
Of the 150 colonies in Washington, how many were requeened? 5
Received nucs or packages between October 1 and December 31? 15
How many new colonies did you add in Washington between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 7

Did you have colonies in another state? Yes

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, in which state were your colonies located? South Dakota
Were colonies located in South Dakota on October 1, 2020? No
How many colonies did you have in South Dakota when they were first moved into the state? 142
Of these 142 colonies in South Dakota, how many were completely lost or dead out between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 5
Of the 142 colonies in South Dakota, how many were requeened? 8
Received nucs or packages between October 1 and December 31? 4
How many new colonies did you add in South Dakota between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020? 21

Did you have colonies in another state? No

Between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, did this operation sell any colonies? Yes - 1
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Of the total colonies owned between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 did any lost colonies experience all of the following symptoms? Yes – 3 colonies

Of the total colonies owned between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 did any lost colonies experience all of the following symptoms? Yes
Of the total colonies lost between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 how many experienced all of the following symptoms? 4

Of the 150 colonies owned in New Mexico between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, how many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to varroa mites? 15
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to others pests and parasites? 3
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to diseases? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to pesticides? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to other causes? 2
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to unknown causes? 0

Of the 150 colonies owned in Washington between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, how many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to varroa mites? 5
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to others pests and parasites? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to diseases? 7
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to pesticides? 12
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to other causes? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to unknown causes? 2

Of the 142 colonies owned in South Dakota between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, how many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to varroa mites? 9
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to others pests and parasites? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to diseases? 1
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to pesticides? 0
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to other causes? 3
How many were affected by, but not necessarily lost to unknown causes? 1

Do you make any day-to-day decisions for another apiary farm or ranch? No
Would you rather have a brief summary sent to you at a later date? Yes, by mail

If you desire additional practice, feel free to go through the instrument and play around with fictitious data. As you do, though, take note of any warnings/errors you generate so that you have a good idea of the different instances which cause them, and how to fix it. Also – you can practice things like out of business operations or operations that no longer have colonies, etc. As you practice: if at any point you feel the Blaise instrument isn’t working correctly (not generating warnings, etc.) please notify a coach or supervisor to have them look into the issue.