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I wanted to throw out a couple of things that may interest beekeepers.

First, the [Honeybee Health Coalition](#) has come out with a great [guide on honeybee nutrition](#). It's got a lot of useful info and an interesting summary of research as it relates to current supplements. It's also got some real-world feedback from multiple migratory operations from around the country and what their nutritional supplement routines are. I would encourage everyone to check it out.

I also wanted to give everyone a heads up on an [upcoming seminar on bee nutrition](#). It's being put on by [Project Apis m.](#) with three of the leading nutrition researchers in the United States. It's going to run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 pm ET on March 6.

Speaking of Project *Apis m.*, I would encourage everyone to watch the group's [short 15 minute video](#) which, in my opinion, lays out a fundamental understanding of improving bee nutrition at a landscape scale.

Finally, I have seen several folks report that they have seen their bees bringing in pollen and there was some debate if it is in fact pollen. I have also seen reports of [skunk cabbage](#) being up which is one of the first forages bees use. Skunk cabbage can emerge even when there is snow on the ground. I have

also received reports of dandelion emerging in southern portions of the state.



Skunk cabbage in Wayne County, Indiana on February 7. Photo by Jalen Sleet

No reports this week

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