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Bernie's Missouri Krabby Patties

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At last night's meeting, our beloved Bernie gave a little program on making his Missouri Krabby Patties. (They were named by his grandson, a SpongeBob fan.) Below is Bernie's recipe, accompanied by some cheesy, fake-ingredient photos I just took because I'm too lazy to clean up a sticky mess in my kitchen this morning.

Bernie's recipe - Mix 5 pounds of white, granulated sugar with 9 ounces of water. Mix and mix and mix some more.



Dale's recipe – Mix 4 lbs of sugar + 1 lb of bee protein supplement + 9 oz high fructose corn syrup (replaces the water).

Dump the mixture into a gallon-sized Ziplock bag and smoosh flat. *Optional* - you can also just mix all the ingredients in the Ziplock bag.

Add two spacers to the inside of the bag, a few inches apart. **The spacers should be approximately 4 inches long and at least ¾" by ¾".** This will keep the bag from collapsing and trapping the bees as they eat the sugar.



A completed krabby patty without the 1" by 3" hole cut and without protein substitute powder or patty

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Cut a rectangular hole in the bag, roughly 1" x 3", in between the spacers.





Optional Variations to the above recipes:

Cut a winter patty in half, and then cut a small hole in the middle of it. Place this over the large hole of the sugar bag.

You could also use a protein patty or if you have protein substitute flour you normally make protein patties out of, you can mix from a

cup up to a pound of it with the water and sugar (do not do if you are using Dale's recipe).

Add a 2" spacer box (or an empty shallow hive box) on top of your hive. *Place* the Ziploc bag-patty combo on top of the frames, hole side down (facing the bees), put your inner cover on top of the spacer box and close the hive back up with the outer cover.