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The Heartland Honey Bee Breeders Cooperative was formed during a queen program in June 2013 at Purdue University. It involves the cooperative sharing of information, techniques and disease-resistant genetics between queen producers in the northern states of Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan. It will culminate each year in a Queen Insemination Event early each summer. Certified queen producers will bring virgin queens to Purdue University in June. Semen harvested from Indiana Leg Chewer drones and VSH drones will be used to inseminate the queens. Those inseminated queens will go back into each state's queen breeding program and evaluated for the following year. Using the Laidlaw-Page Closed Breeding Model will help us all make rapid progress towards Varroa Mite resistant, gentle, productive, disease-resistant, non-Africanized queens which will be locally adapted to the conditions in each state. <https://sites.google.com/site/heartlandhoneybeecoop/>