

The SOUTH AFRICAN **2020** (DRAFT 2)
BEEKEEPING FORAGE CALENDAR 16 Feb 2020

Free State

“Beekeepers need to know when to best move their hives to take advantage of a particular forage source depending on whether they wish to focus on honey production or strengthening their colonies. “
- Dr. Tlou Samuel Masehela

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FORAGE SOURCE				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
				SUMMER	SUMMER	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER	SPRING	SPRING	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i>	Grey ironbark gum			Main Honey Crop											
<i>Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia</i>	Red flowering gum														
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum														
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucern/Lucerne														
Suburban gardens															
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Echium/Bloublom														
<i>Bidens formosa</i>	Cosmos														
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	False dandelion														
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Plantain														
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild radish														
<i>Acacia / Senegalia mellifera</i> ^	Hook thorn														
<i>Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra</i> ^	Common hook thorn														
<i>Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo</i> ^	Sweet thorn														
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee														
<i>Senecio apiifolius</i>	Winter weed														
Karoo (Vegetation Unit)															

Meeting the Legal Requirements as a Beekeeper?

The Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983) and Control Measures R1511 of 22 November 2019 relating to Honeybees. Any person who keeps, owns, or is in charge of a colony of honey-bees, whether for commercial, hobbyist or as a bee removal service provider is **legally** required to register **Every 24 months** with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) as a Beekeeper. There is no cost involved.



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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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Get your Beekeeper Registration form from:

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Beekeeping Support Group



Struggling to Solve a Beekeeping related problem?
Join the South African Beekeeping Support Group on Whatsapp.
Email to supportgroup@beekeeper.co.za

Notes/Tips for Free State Beekeepers :

General:

- 1) To optimise honey production, feed bees 6 weeks before Spring flow with 15% real pollen mix
- 2) Emergency Winter Feed: Feed with 2.5% pollen (to avoid brood production stimulation).
- 3) Formulation for protien patties for bees: soy + pollen (4:1) * results in highest brood production @ lowest price
- 4) Spring Syrup will stimulate comb & brood production (1 sugar to 1 water)
- 5) Winter Syrup will be stored as supplies (2 sugar to 1 water)

More tips/notes missing & needs correction? Please email forage@beekeeper.co.za

Free State Industry Directory

Beekeeping Associations/ Groups/Clubs:

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Beekeeper Supplies (Hives, Tools, etc):

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Beekeeping Training Providers:

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Other Industry Supply Chain Services:

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