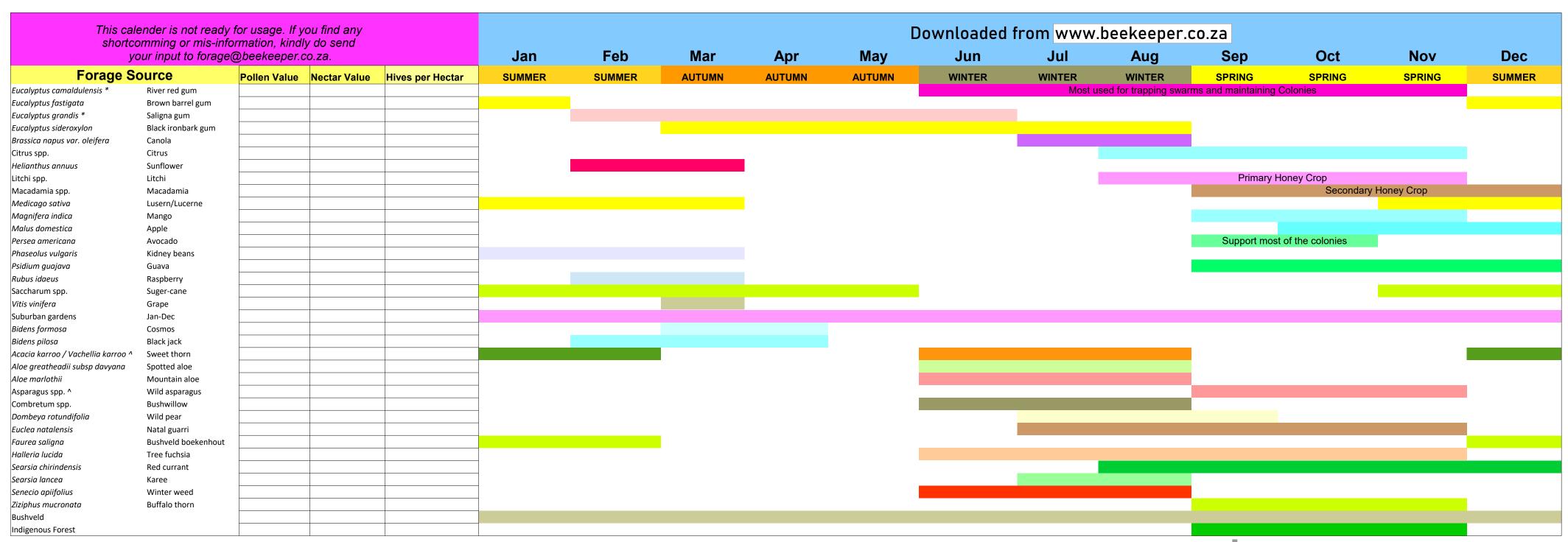
# The SOUTH AFRICAN 2020 BEEKEEPING FORAGE CALENDAR

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## **Mphumalanga**

"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



### 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.



Get your Beekeeper Registration form from:

Rofhiwa Nethanani: 012 309 8739 RofhiwaN@daff.gov.za / Mavis Matsho: 012 309 8763 MavisMAT@daff.gov.za

#### **Beekeeping Support Group**



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

#### Notes/Tips for Mphumalanga Beekeepers :

**General:** Beekeepers of the province depends mostly on Agricultural Crops for Honey Production.

- 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)
- 6) Citrus / Conola no pollination required, famer might ask for honey compensation
- 7) GM Sunflower does not produce nectar

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

## Mphumalanga Bee Industry Directory Beekeeping Associations/ Groups/Clubs:

(add your info here)

Beekeeper Supplies (Hives, Tools, etc):

(add your info here)

Beekeeping Training Providers:

(add your info here)

Other Industry Supply Chain Services:

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