

The SOUTH AFRICAN
BEEKEEPING FORAGE CALENDAR

2020
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16 Feb 2020

Mpumalanga

“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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				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Forage Source		Pollen Value	Nectar Value	Hives per Hectar	SUMMER	SUMMER	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER	SPRING	SPRING	SPRING	SUMMER	
Eucalyptus camaldulensis *	River red gum									Most used for trapping swarms and maintaining Colonies							
Eucalyptus fastigata	Brown barrel gum																
Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum																
Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum																
Brassica napus var. oleifera	Canola																
Citrus spp.	Citrus																
Helianthus annuus	Sunflower																
Litchi spp.	Litchi												Primary Honey Crop				
Macadamia spp.	Macadamia												Secondary Honey Crop				
Medicago sativa	Lusern/Lucerne																
Magnifera indica	Mango																
Malus domestica	Apple																
Persea americana	Avocado																
Phaseolus vulgaris	Kidney beans												Support most of the colonies				
Psidium guajava	Guava																
Rubus idaeus	Raspberry																
Saccharum spp.	Suger-cane																
Vitis vinifera	Grape																
Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec																
Bidens formosa	Cosmos																
Bidens pilosa	Black jack																
Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn																
Aloe greathealii subsp davyana	Spotted aloe																
Aloe marlothii	Mountain aloe																
Asparagus spp. ^	Wild asparagus																
Combretum spp.	Bushwillow																
Dombeya rotundifolia	Wild pear																
Euclea natalensis	Natal guarri																
Faurea saligna	Bushveld boekenhout																
Halleria lucida	Tree fuchsia																
Searsia chirindensis	Red currant																
Searsia lancea	Karee																
Senecio apiifolius	Winter weed																
Ziziphus mucronata	Buffalo thorn																
Bushveld																	
Indigenous Forest																	

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 andFisheries (DAFF) as a Beekeeper. There is no cost involved.

Get your Beekeeper Registration form from:
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Notes/Tips for Mpumalanga 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

Mpumalanga 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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Beekeeping Support Group



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