

The South African Beekeeping Forage Calendar 2020 (DRAFT 02) 15/02/2020

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Northern Cape			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
FORAGE SOURCE		Pollen Value	Nectar Value	SUMMER	SUMMER	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER	SPRING	SPRING	SPRING	SUMMER	
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum					Trapping & Colony Maintanance										
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> *	River red gum															
<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>	Yellow boxgum											Trapping & Colony Maintanance				
<i>Allium cepa</i>	Onion															
<i>Cucurbita</i> sp.	Pumpkin															
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower					Most important Pollination Crop										
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lusern/Lucerne															
	Brazillian pepper															
	Suburban gardens															
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	False dandelion															
<i>Prosopis</i> spp. *	Prosopis spp.															
<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>Acacia tortilis / Vachellia tortilis</i> ^	Umbrella thorn															
<i>Aloe grandidentata</i>	Kanniedood															
<i>Aloe marlothii</i>	Mountain aloe															
<i>Olea europaea subsp. cuspidata</i>	Wild olive															
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee															
<i>Senecio apiifolius</i>	Winter weed															
<i>Ziziphus mucronata</i>	Buffalo thorn															
<i>Zygophyllum</i> spp.																
Namaqualand & Renosterveld (vegetation units)																
Karoo (vegetation units)																

Notes for Northern Cape Beekeepers :

General: Indigenous forage are mostly used for colony maintanance and swarm trapping

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). Place ontop of brood

3) Alternative formulation for protien patties for bees:

soy + pollen (4:1) * *results in highest brood production @ lowest price*

soy + yeast (3:2)

soy + yeast + milk (3:1:1),

soy + yeast + egg (2: 1:1).

4) Spring Syrup will stimulate comb & brood production (1 sugar to 1 water)

Winter Syrup will be stored as supplies (2 sugar to 1 water)

5) Citrus / Conola – no pollination required, famer might ask for honey compensation

6) GM Sunflower does not produce nectar