

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

# Gauteng

“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. Tiou Samuel Masehela

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					Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Forage Source					SUMMER	SUMMER	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER	SPRING	SPRING	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>	Yellow box gum															
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> *	River red gum															
<i>Eucalyptus cladocalyx</i> *	Sugar gum															
<i>Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia</i>	Red flowering gum															
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna gum															
<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i>	Grey ironbark gum															
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum															
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> *	Forest red gum															
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Manna gum															
<i>Citrus spp.</i>	Citrus															
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower															
<i>Litchi spp.</i>	Litchi															
<i>Macadamia spp.</i>	Macadamia															
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lusern/Lucerne															
<i>Magnifera indica</i>	Mango															
<i>Passiflora edulis</i>	Granadilla															
<i>Persea americana</i>	Avocado															
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Kidney beans															
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Raspberry															
<i>Saccharum spp.</i>	Suger-cane															
<i>Vaccinium spp.</i>	Blueberry															
<i>mimosifolia</i> *	Jacaranda															
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> *	Brazilian pepper															
Suburban gardens																
<i>Acacia decurrens</i> *	Green wattle															
<i>Bidens formosa</i>	Cosmos															
<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	Black jack															
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	False dandelion															
<i>Prosopis spp.</i> *	Prosopis spp.															
<i>Tagetes minuta</i>	Khakhi bush															
<i>Acacia / Senegalia mellifera</i> ^	Hook thorn															
<i>Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra</i> ^	Common hook thorn															
<i>Acacia / Senegalia galpinii</i>	Monkey thorn															
<i>Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo</i> ^	Sweet thorn															
<i>Agathosma spp.</i>	Buchu															
<i>Aloe grandidentata</i>	Kanniedood															
<i>Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana</i>	Spotted aloe															
<i>Aloe marlothii</i>	Mountain aloe															
<i>Asparagus spp.</i> ^	Wild asparagus															
<i>Combretum spp.</i>	Bushwillow															
<i>Dombeya rotundifolia</i>	Wild pear															
<i>Faurea saligna</i>	Bushveld boekenhout															
<i>Protea spp.</i>	Protea spp.															
<i>Scutia myrtina</i>	Cat thorn															
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee															
<i>Senecio apiifolius</i>	Winter weed															
<i>Ziziphus mucronata</i>	Buffalo thorn															
Bushveld																

## 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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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](mailto:supportgroup@beekeeper.co.za)

### Notes/Tips for Gauteng 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)
- 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](mailto:forage@beekeeper.co.za)

### Gauteng Bee Industry Directory

Beekeeping Associations/ Groups/Clubs:

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Beekeeper Supplies (Hives, Tools, etc):

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Beekeeping Training Providers:

(add your info here)

Other Industry Supply Chain Services:

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