

The SOUTH AFRICAN
BEEKEEPING FORAGE CALENDAR

2020
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KwaZulu Natal

“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
Bushveld (Vegetation Unit)				Mostly used for colony maintnanance and swarm trapping											
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna gum														
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum														
<i>Allium cepa</i>	Onion														
<i>Aspalathus linearis</i>	Rooibos														
<i>Brassica napus</i> var. <i>oleifera</i>	Canola														
<i>Citrus</i> spp.	Citrus														
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower			Major Honey Crop											
<i>Litchi</i> spp.	Litchi														
<i>Macadamia</i> spp.	Macadamia														
<i>Persea americana</i>	Avocado														
<i>Saccharum</i> spp.	Suger-cane														
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Grape														
Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec														
<i>Acacia karroo</i> / <i>Vachellia karroo</i> ^	Sweet thorn														
<i>Aloe greatheadii</i> subsp <i>davyana</i>	Spotted aloe														
<i>Halleria</i> spp.	Halleria spp.														
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee														
<i>Ziziphus mucronata</i>	Buffalo thorn														
Indigenous Forest (Vegetation Units)	Jan-Dec														
Eastern Cape Thicket (Vegetation Units)	Dec-Jan														

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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Department:
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 KwaZulu Natal Beekeepers :

General: KZN is mostly dependent on the agricultural crops of Citrus and Sunflower for Honey Production, as well as colony maintenance 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).
- 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

KwaZulu Natal Bee Industry Directory

Beekeeping Associations/ Groups/Clubs:
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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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