

The SOUTH AFRICAN
BEEKEEPING FORAGE CALENDAR

2020
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Eastern Cape

“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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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
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna gum								Major Honey Crop & Swarm Trapping							
<i>Eucalyptus cladocalyx</i> *	Sugar gum															
<i>Eucalyptus conferruminata</i> *	Spider gum															
<i>Eucalyptus diversicolor</i> *	Karri gum															
<i>Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia</i>	Red flowering gum															
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum															
<i>Allium cepa</i>	Onion															
<i>Citrus spp.</i>	Citrus															
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Carrot															
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lusern/Lucerne															
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple															
<i>Persea americana</i>	Avocado															
<i>Phytolacca dioica</i> *	Ombú															
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> *	Brazillian pepper															
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild radish															
<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>Aloe ferox</i>	Red aloe															
<i>Erica spp.</i>	Erica spp.															
<i>Euclea spp.</i>	Guarris															
<i>Juncus spp.</i>	Rush															
Mesembs	Mesembs															
<i>Olea europaea subsp. cuspidata</i>	Wild olive															
<i>Protea spp.</i>	Protea spp.															
<i>Salix mucronata</i>	Cape silver willow															
<i>Scutia myrtina</i>	Cat thorn															
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee															
Eastern Cape Thicket (vegetation unit)																
Indigenous Forest (vegetation unit)																
Coastal fynbos (vegetation unit)																
Mountain Fynbos (vegetation unit)																
Karoo (vegetation unit)																
Bushveld (vegetation unit)																

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

Notes/Tips for Eastern Cape Beekeepers :

General: Indigenous forage are mostly used for colony maintainance 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)

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

Eastern Cape 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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