

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

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North West			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 grandis</i> *	Saligna gum		Used for swarm trapping & colony maintanance											
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> *	River red gum													
<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>	Yellow box gum													
<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i>	Grey ironbark gum													
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum													
<i>Eucalyptus tereticomis</i> *	Forest red gum													
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Manna gum													
<i>Cucurbita sp.</i>	Pumpkin													
<i>Macadamia spp.</i>	Macadamia													
Suburban gardens														
<i>Bidens formosa</i>	Cosmos													
<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 greatheadii subsp davyana</i>	Spotted aloe													
<i>Aloe marlothii</i>	Mountain aloe													
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee													
<i>Ziziphus mucronata</i>	Buffalo thorn													
Bushveld	Sep-Jan													

## Notes for North West Province 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). 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)