

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

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KwaZulu Natal			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
Bushveld (Vegetation Unit)															
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna gum			Mostly used for colony maintainance and swarm trapping											
<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														
<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															
<i>Acacia karroo</i> / <i>Vachellia karroo</i> ^	Sweet thorn														
<i>Aloe greatheadii</i> subsp <i>davyana</i>	Spotted alooe														
<i>Halleria</i> spp.	Halleria spp.														
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee														
<i>Ziziphus mucronata</i>	Buffalo thorn														
Indigenous Forest (Vegetation Units)															
Eastern Cape Thicket (Vegetation Units)															

Notes for KwaZulu Natal Cape 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) Alternative formulation for protein 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