

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

Mphumalanga

“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		Pollen Value	Nectar Value	Hives per Hectar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					SUMMER	SUMMER	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER	SPRING	SPRING	SPRING	SUMMER
Eucalyptus camaldulensis *	River red gum															
Eucalyptus fastigata	Brown barrel gum															
Eucalyptus grandis *	Saligna gum															
Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Black ironbark gum															
Brassica napus var. oleifera	Canola															
Citrus spp.	Citrus															
Helianthus annuus	Sunflower															
Litchi spp.	Litchi															
Macadamia spp.	Macadamia															
Medicago sativa	Lusern/Lucerne															
Magnifera indica	Mango															
Malus domestica	Apple															
Persea americana	Avocado															
Phaseolus vulgaris	Kidney beans															
Psidium guajava	Guava															
Rubus idaeus	Raspberry															
Saccharum spp.	Suger-cane															
Vitis vinifera	Grape															
Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec															
Bidens formosa	Cosmos															
Bidens pilosa	Black jack															
Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo ^	Sweet thorn															
Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana	Spotted aloe															
Aloe marlothii	Mountain aloe															
Asparagus spp. ^	Wild asparagus															
Combretum spp.	Bushwillow															
Dombeya rotundifolia	Wild pear															
Euclea natalensis	Natal guarri															
Faurea saligna	Bushveld boekenhout															
Halleria lucida	Tree fuchsia															
Searsia chirindensis	Red currant															
Searsia lancea	Karee															
Senecio apiifolius	Winter weed															
Ziziphus mucronata	Buffalo thorn															
Bushveld																
Indigenous Forest																

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 Mphumalanga Beekeepers :

General: Beekeepers of the province depends mostly on Agricultural Crops for Honey Production.

- 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

Mphumalanga 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:

(add your info here)