

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

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FREESTATE			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 paniculata</i>	Grey ironbark gum			Main Honey Crop											
<i>Eucalyptus / Corymbia ficifolia</i>	Red flowering gum														
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum														
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lusern/Lucerne														
Suburban gardens															
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Echium/Bloublom														
<i>Bidens formosa</i>	Cosmos														
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	False dandelion														
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Plantain														
<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>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee														
<i>Senecio apiifolius</i>	Winter weed														
Karoo (Vegetation Unit)															

Notes for Free State 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).

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)