

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

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Mphumalanga			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 camaldulensis</i> *	River red gum							Most used for trapping swarms and maintaining Colonies						
<i>Eucalyptus fastigata</i>	Brown barrel gum													
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna gum													
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Black ironbark gum													
<i>Brassica napus</i> var. <i>oleifera</i>	Canola													
Citrus spp.	Citrus													
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower													
Litchi spp.	Litchi													
Macadamia spp.	Macadamia													
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lusern/Lucerne													
<i>Magnifera indica</i>	Mango													
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple													
<i>Persea americana</i>	Avocado													
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Kidney beans													
<i>Psidium guajava</i>	Guava													
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Raspberry													
Saccharum spp.	Suger-cane													
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Grape													
Suburban gardens	Jan-Dec													
<i>Bidens formosa</i>	Cosmos													
<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	Black jack													
<i>Acacia karroo</i> / <i>Vachellia karroo</i> ^	Sweet thorn													
<i>Aloe greatheadii</i> subsp <i>davyana</i>	Spotted aloe													
<i>Aloe marlothii</i>	Mountain aloe													
Asparagus spp. ^	Wild asparagus													
Combretum spp.	Bushwillow													
<i>Dombeya rotundifolia</i>	Wild pear													
<i>Euclea natalensis</i>	Natal guarri													
<i>Faurea saligna</i>	Bushveld boekenhout													
<i>Halleria lucida</i>	Tree fuchsia													
<i>Searsia chirindensis</i>	Red currant													
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee													
<i>Senecio apiifolius</i>	Winter weed													
<i>Ziziphus mucronata</i>	Buffalo thorn													
Bushveld														
Indigenous Forest														
			<div>Notes for Mpumalanga Beekeepers :</div> <div>General: Beekeepers of the province depends mostly on Agricultural Crops for Honey Production</div> <div>1) To optimise honey production, feed bees 6 weeks before Spring flow with 15% real pollen mix</div> <div>2) Emergency Winter Feed: Feed with 2.5% pollen (to avoid brood production stimulation). Place ontop of brood cluster</div> <div>3) Alternative formulation for protien patties for bees:<div>soy + pollen (4:1) * results in highest brood production @ lowest price</div><div>soy + yeast (3:2)</div><div>soy + yeast + milk (3:1:1),</div><div>soy + yeast + egg (2: 1:1).</div></div> <div>4) Spring Syrup will stimulate comb & brood production (1 sugar to 1 water)</div> <div>Winter Syrup will be stored as supplies (2 sugar to 1 water)</div> <div>5) Citrus / Conola – no pollination required, famer might ask for honey compensation</div> <div>6) GM Sunflower does not produce nectar</div>											