

The SOUTH AFRICAN **2020** BEEKEEPING FORAGE CALENDAR

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North West

“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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				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Forage Source				SUMMER	SUMMER	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	AUTUMN	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER	SPRING	SPRING	SPRING	SUMMER
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna gum			Used for swarm trapping & colony maintainance											
<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 tereticornis</i> *	Forest red gum														
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Manna gum														
<i>Cucurbita</i> sp.	Pumpkin														
<i>Macadamia</i> spp.	Macadamia														
Suburban gardens															
<i>Bidens formosa</i>	Cosmos														
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild radish														
<i>Acacia</i> / <i>Senegalia mellifera</i> ^	Hook thorn														
<i>Acacia caffra</i> / <i>Senegalia caffra</i> ^	Common hook thorn														
<i>Acacia karroo</i> / <i>Vachellia karroo</i> ^	Sweet thorn														
<i>Aloe greathedii 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														

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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Department:
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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Get your Beekeeper Registration form from:

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Notes/Tips for North West 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) 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)

More tips/notes missing & needs correction? Please email forage@beekeeper.co.za

North West 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:
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