

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

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Limpopo				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>Aloe greatheadii subsp davyana</i>	Spotted aloe														
<i>Acacia / Senegalia mellifera</i> ^	Hook thorn														
<i>Faurea saligna</i>	Bushveld boekenhout														
<i>Searsia lancea</i>	Karee														
<i>Acacia caffra / Senegalia caffra</i> ^	Common hook thorn														
<i>Acacia karroo / Vachellia karroo</i> ^	Sweet thorn														
	Indigenous Forest														
<i>Eucalyptus diversicolor</i> *	Karri gum														
Cucurbita sp.	Pumpkin														
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> *	Saligna gum														
<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i>	Grey ironbark gum														
<i>Saccharum spp.</i>	Suger-cane														
Citrus spp.	Citrus														
Macadamia spp.	Macadamia														
<i>Persea americana</i>	Avocado														
<i>Magnifera indica</i>	Mango														
Cucurbita sp. (Butternut)	Butternut														
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower														
Litchi spp.	Litchi														
	Suburban gardens														
	KANEMEYER														
	Sweet thorn														
	Morula														
	Morula MAIN FLOW														
(Ziziphus Mucronata/BUFLO THORN)	Blinkblaar														
	Blinkblaar MAIN FL														
	Spotted aloe														
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	MARLOTHII														
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Notes for Limpopo Beekeepers :

General: Citrus, canola and sunflower is a major sources of honey , but also important for colony maintenance because of their high pollen content

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). Place ontop of brood

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)

5) Citrus / Conola – no pollination required, famer might ask for honey compensation

6) GM Sunflower does not produce nectar