



South Tipperary Beekeepers' Association

Fact Sheet no. 7

A Year at a Glance - The Beekeeping Year

	Bees' Requirements	Flora	Beekeeper's Job
<p>August</p>	Feeding 2:1 35lbs Disease Free Varroa Free Weatherproof hive Laying Queen	Heather Himalayan Balsam Fuschia Knapweed Meadowsweet	Remove crop Treat for Varroa Move bees to heather Check for AFB Feed Check for Queen right Nuclei Production Comb drawn out Feed mininucs Queen rearing Extract Honey
<p>September</p>	Feeding 2:1 35lbs Disease Free Varroa Free Weatherproof hive Laying Queen	Ivy Heather Ragworth Gorse	Treat for Varroa Feeding Disease check Return from Heather Check for Queen right Guard against robbing Extract honey Prepare for show Storage of supers
<p>October</p>	Sufficient Ventilation Feeding 2:1 35lbs Disease Free Varroa Free Weatherproof hive Laying Queen	<i>ivy</i>	Heft hives - checking stores Provide Ventilation Tie down hives Tidy up Apiary Put in inserts Check for knockdown mites after treatment
<p>November</p>	Sufficient Stores Peace & Quiet Protection from elements & rodents	Gorse Ivy Mahoni	Clean & store equipment Clean wax - candle making check apiary after bad weather Thorns winter sale Study Plan for next year Treat timber work Oxalic acid - varroa Access colony records Feed nucs - fondant
<p>December</p>			Rearrange hives in cold weather only - when bees not flying Find new sites Check legs on hive stands Provide Drinkers
<p>January</p>			

	Stores Water	Crocus Snowdrops Daffodils Hazel Yew Willow	Heft hives Remove mouse guards Feed if necessary Treat timber of hives Monitor mite drop
	Stores Pollen Space for egg laying water	Blackthorn Willow Gorse	Feed syrup 1:1 to stimulate for OSR Monitor Varroa & treat if necessary Check for fatality & close down Wax frames Monitor hive entrances
	Queen Right Space for laying Stores Disease Free	Dandelion Blackthorn American Flower Current Top Fruit Mahonia	First inspection 3 mins check Q right Stores/Remove inserts Shallow frames for drone production Disease Feed nucs with contact feeder put on Q excluder & super Swarm prevention C&M
	Space for laying Space for Bees Space for nectar ripening	Whitethorn Chestnut Sycamore Apple / OSR Alder Bluebell	Put on excluders & super Swarm control Q rearing Nuc production OSR removal
	Space for laying Space for Bees Space for nectar ripening	Blackthorn White Clover	Swarm control Nuc production Take off OSR
	Space for laying Space for Bees Space for nectar ripening	Clover Blackthorn Lime / Spring OSR Bell Heather Lavender	Nuc Production Swarm control Section production Cut Comb Gormanstown

Note: Different localities & weather conditions have different times for bee work. Every beekeeper must learn his own district if