

Yearly Bee Calendar

Month 1	Colony Cycle	Management	Treat	Feed	Notes
August	VARROA BOMB	Prevent Robbing	STOP VARROA BOMB	Feed to Stimulate Brood	The more brood = more bees to overwinter
	Dearth/No Nectar				This is a fight to achieve Zero mite count
					Queen starts laying winter bees – Better fed larva = better fed bees
September	Rear Winter Bees			Feed to help build up stores	Bees Building up winter stores. If bees fly a lot, you need 2 frames a month to keep them fed.
October	Prep For Winter	Prepare Hives For Winter			Combine weak hives. We overwinter with 7 – 8 frames of bees.
			Knock Down Overwintering Mites		Boost Up Feed in light hives – We add fondant and sugar
		Last Varroa Treatments – Mites can overwinter with bees			
November	Queen Stops Laying	One Last Oxalic Acid Dribble			
February	Queen Starts laying a Little				Prevent Starvation – Most singles will be out of honey.
					Treat with Oxalic Acid – Kill the mites that overwintered in the hive
March	8 Week Brood Build Up	Bees Flying	Spring Treatment		Tree Pollen Starts – many hives will only have nurse bees
					Late March add Pollen Patties – Make sure there is enough food for the new brood so the hive doesn’t cannibalize the eggs
April	Hive Population Build Up			Feed to stimulate Brood	Queen will start laying frames of brood
					Should See hatched Drone
		Prevent Swarms			Varroa Population starts building
					Feed Pollen and syrup to boost brood production
May	Main Honey Production			Prevent Swarms Before the hive is ready to swarm	
			Knock Down Mite Population	Split/Demeree Split	
June					Summer Solstice – Brood Slows
					Lots of Swarms
				Lots of Requeening	
July					Harvest Honey

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