

Beekeepers Calendar- SWFL Edition

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<p>Feed colony if low on capped honey. Order new bees.</p>	<p>Feed colony if low on capped honey. Check for eggs/queen. First comprehensive inspection of the season. Check for capped brood and brood pattern. Feed a pollen substitute. Medicate for AFB, EFB, and Nosema.</p>	<p>Look for swarm cells. Add queen excluder and honey supers.</p> <p>Check surplus honey. Harvest honey. Test for varroa mites. Medicate for varroa mites, if needed. Medicate for tracheal mites. Check hives for small hive beetle. Medicate if needed.</p>
<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<p>Install new bees in hive. Look for swarm cells. Add queen excluder and honey supers. Look for supercedure cells. Check surplus honey. Harvest honey.</p>	<p>Look for swarm cells. Add queen excluder and honey supers.</p> <p>Look for supercedure cells. Check honey surplus. Harvest honey.</p>	<p>Look for supercedure cells. Check ventilation.</p> <p>Check surplus honey. Harvest honey. Test for varroa mites. Medicate for varroa mites, if needed.</p>
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<p>Check ventilation. Harvest honey.</p>	<p>Check ventilation.</p>	<p>Medicate for AFB, EFB, and Nosema. Test for varroa mites. Medicate for varroa mites, if needed. Medicate for tracheal mites. Check hives for small hive beetle. Medicate if needed.</p>
<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<p>Check food reserves. Feed colony if low on capped honey. Check for eggs/queen.</p>	<p>Feed colony if low on capped honey. Check for eggs/queen.</p>	<p>Feed colony if low on capped honey.</p>