

West Virginia Beekeepers Association 2008 Annual Planning Calendar

JANUARY 2008							FEBRUARY 2008							MARCH 2008							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		1	2	3	4	5	This is a good time to take inventory of your stock and order those queens and packages that you might need in April.					1	2	Merge week colonies, clean out dead hives. Feed to start early spring build-up. Be ready for April splits							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
27	28	29	30	31	Happy New Year		24	25	26	27	28	29		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
1 - New Years 21 - MLK Jr Day		Check your hives on warm days for honey stores and Nosema. Be prepared to feed and or treat. Feed pollen substitutes to stimulate brood rearing.					18 - Presidents Day			Assemble new equipment and repair the old. Continue checking and feeding as needed. Be prepared to merge if needed.				30	31	Use those warming days to install foundation, paint equipment and prepare for those early splits.					
APRIL 2008							MAY 2008							JUNE 2008							
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Keep at it, Spring is just around the corner.		1	2	3	4	5	Get those queens and packages installed and watch for swarms. Watch for mites and be prepared to treat.					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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27	28	29	30	Check for queen right and mark those old queens. 2008 Color is Red.			25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	Continue to watch for swarms. Remember if you need to treat for mites in the spring, place un-drawn brood foundation on the hive. The bees will draw it out and you can use it for splits and new brood chambers.					
Start checking for drone cells and rate of build up. Make your splits to prevent swarming and increase colonies or replace winter losses. Watch for early blossoms and be prepared to start supering.							13 - Primary Election (State Holiday) 26 - Memorial Day					Watch your hive growth, super or split to avoid swarms.		20 - West Virginia Day (State Holiday)							
JULY 2008							AUGUST 2008							SEPTEMBER 2008							
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Mark those new queens. Check your brood patterns.		1	2	3	4	5	Harvest or add supers. Watch for heat stress. Monitor, test and survey for mite thresholds. Start preparations for treatments if needed.					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6		
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27	28	29	30	31	Have a safe and happy 4th		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	Remove all supers by the last of September and start checking for winter stores. 50-60 pounds as a minimum. Treat for tracheal mites.				
4 - Independence Day		Check your honey supers. Be prepared to add supers and or harvest the gold. Keep an eye out for stress and mites.					31	If you need to treat, plan to do it early in August with Api-guard or Mite-away II. Then you can still try for that fall flow. Replace failing or weak queens.						1 - Labor Day							
OCTOBER 2008							NOVEMBER 2008							DECEMBER 2008							
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			1	2	3	4	Check for damaged equipment. Purchase new equipment. Before the prices go up.								1	1	2	3	4	5	6
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
13 - Columbus Day			Protect your supers. Feed light hives, install entrance reducers and prepare for winter. Bottle Market and Sell Sell				30	11 - Veterans Day 27 - Thanksgiving			The WVBA wishes you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season.			25 - Christmas 1 Jan - New Years		Toss a few logs on the fire and start planning next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.					

Scheduled Board Meeting Date	WVBA Spring and Fall Meetings	Special Events
WVBA Alternate Weather Date	LOCAL MEETING DATES	LOCAL EVENT DATES

1. Master Beekeeping Exams will be held Thursday Evening 18 Sep at 7:00pm in the Flameway Hall. Those interested should contact the Director of the WVBA Master Beekeeper Program.

2. Local Associations are encouraged to use this calendar to plan your meeting dates. Simply highlight the "LOCAL" boxes to the left and color code the dates accordingly.