

West Virginia Beekeepers Association 2009 Annual Planning Calendar

JANUARY 2009							FEBRUARY 2009							MARCH 2009											
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT					
Happy New Year. The WVBA wishes a safe and prosperous year in all that you do.				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	December and January are good times to take inventory of your stock and order those queens and packages that you might need in April.							29	30	31	Use those warming days to install foundation, paint equipment and prepare for those early splits.								
1 - New Years 19 - 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.					Merge week colonies, clean out dead hives. Feed to start early spring build-up. Be ready for April splits. If you are starting new out yards, set your stands in place. This lets the deer get use to the new obstacles so that they don't knock											
APRIL 2009							MAY 2009							JUNE 2008											
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Check for queen right and mark those old queens. 2008 RED - 2009 GREEN.				1	2	3	4	Get those queens and packages installed. Watch for swarms. Keep a close eye out for mites and be prepared to treat.							1	2	3	4	5	6					
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26	27	28	29	30	Keep at it, Spring is just around the corner.		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	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 splits to prevent swarming and increase colonies or replace winter losses. Watch for early blossoms and be prepared to start supering.							25 - Memorial Day		Monitor hive growth and bloom. Super or split to avoid swarms.					19 - West Virginia Day (State Holiday)											
JULY 2009							AUGUST 2009							SEPTEMBER 2009											
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Mark those new queens. Check your brood patterns. Be prepared to requeen if needed.			1	2	3	4	Harvest or add supers. Watch for heat stress. Monitor, test and survey for mite thresholds. Treat only if needed. Replace failing or week queens for good winter survival and strong colonies next							1	2	3	4	5							
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26	27	28	29	30	31	WV STATE FAIR, LEWISBURG WV 7-15 August							23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	WVBA Fall Meeting, Jackson's Mill	
3 - (for) Independence Day		Check your honey supers. Be prepared to add supers and/or harvest the gold. Keep an eye out for stress and mites.					30	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.					7 - Labor Day			Remove all supers by the last of September and start checking for winter stores. 50-60 pounds as a minimum. Treat for tracheal mites.								
OCTOBER 2009							NOVEMBER 2009							DECEMBER 2009											
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	Time to relax, review your notes from the summer and plan for next year. Check for damaged equipment. Purchase new equipment before the prices go up.					27	28	29	30	31	1	2					
12 - Columbus Day			Protect your supers. Feed light hives, install entrance reducers and prepare for winter. Bottle Market and Sell Sell Sell				11 - Veterans Day 26 - Thanksgiving		The WVBA wishes you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season.						25 - Christmas 1 Jan - New Years 2010		Toss a few logs on the fire, enjoy family and friends 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 24 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.