

WEST VIRGINIA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

2012 PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY 2012							FEBRUARY 2012							MARCH 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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29	30	31	Plan to attend the WV HONEY EXPO at WVU-Parkersburg 28 Jan 2010.				26	27	28	29	WVBA Board Meeting - Weston Sizzlin Steak House 11 Feb @ 10:00am-3:00pm			25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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.							2 Jan - New Years 16 Jan - M.L.K Day							Place orders for queens, packages or NUCs early to ensure April delivery dates. Assemble new equipment, repair damaged parts. Clean out dead hives continue feeding. Build and repair equipment.						
Paint and prepare equipment. Hold Beginner Beekeeping classes. Get ready for early splits. If you are starting new out yards, set your stands in March. Let the deer get use to the new obstacles.																				
APRIL 2012							MAY 2012							JUNE 2012						
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29	30	31	Check for queen right, merge queenless hives and mark the old queens. Clean and check those bottom boards. 2012-White 2012-Yellow				27	28	29	30	31	Monitor for mites. Super or split to control swarming.		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Monitor spring buildup and make splits to prevent swarming and increase colonies or replace winter losses.							Spring Meeting 14 April @ Harrison Co Rec Complex, Clarksburg WV.							Have your hives ready to receive packages or splits. Set them on stands early in April. Try moving old queens into NUCs to hold as backups incase new queens fail.						
Monitor honey flows and add supers as needed. Watch for mites and disease. If treatments are needed remove all supers and follow label directions exactly. Add foundation, bees will draw this during treatment.																				
JULY 2012							AUGUST 2012							SEPTEMBER 2012						
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29	30	31	Try late summer requeening to reduce mite infestations and improve winter survival.				26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
4 - Independence Day							10 - 18 WV State Fair, Fairlea 25 - 26 WV State Honey Festival, Parkersburg WV							Harvest your honey, process and store your supers, sort the damaged equipment. Treat for tracheal mites.						
Foundation drawn during treatments can be given to new colonies for brood or food storage. Do Not Use for Honey Collection for Human Consumption.							Winter survival and spring success starts in August. Young vigorous queens, heavy brood, low stress and good nutrition are required to build a large, healthy winter cluster. Requeening can break mite cycles.							21 - 22 WVBA Fall Meeting, Jackson Mills WV Come for the fun, education and friendly discussions. Bring your entries for judging!						
OCTOBER 2012							NOVEMBER 2012							DECEMBER 2012						
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29	30	31	Protect stored supers, bottle that hard earned honey and sell sell sell.				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8 - Columbus Day							Look over damaged equipment, plan for next year and order equipment early to avoid price increases. Happy Holidays							12 - Veterans Day 22 - Thanksgiving 23 - (State Holiday)						
Check for light hives and feed as needed. Merge week hives and or move honey stores to ensure winter survival.							12 - Veterans Day 22 - Thanksgiving 23 - (State Holiday)							Holiday wishes from the Officers of the WVBA. We hope that 2012 has been good to you and yours, and wish that 2012 will be better.						



WV State Legislative Session - Jan 11th - Mar 10th
 All members are encouraged to attend the Agricultural Day at the Legislature and if possible join us for Farm Bureau Day

The numbers that appear in the lower right corner of each date is the Julian date or day of the year. These dates can aid in planning such as queen hatch dates or treatment dates. Example: Queenless Split Made on April 19th (110) will hatch 16 days later 110+16=(126) or May 5th. Treatment installed Jul 11th (193) with 21 days, 193+21=(214) or Aug 1st.

Other dates to remember:

12 - 14 July - Heartland Apiary Society (HAS) St. Lewis Mo.

13 - 17 August - Eastern Apiary Society (EAS) Burlington Vt.