

What to look for.....What to do

Jan 15 - Feb 15

- 1 Check colonies for food. [See Note # 1]
- 2 Check colonies to see that they are still alive. { See Note # 6 }
- 3 Check entrance guards.

Feb 15 - Mar 15

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- 2 Check colonies to see that they are still alive. [See Note # 6]
- 3 Check entrance guards.
- 4 Check for brood rearing.
- 5 Spring Medication [If not doing I.P.M.method]

Mar 15 - April 30

- 1 Check colony for good laying queen. [Requeen ?]
- 2 Check colony for disease.
- 3 Clean bottom board. [Remove scrapings from bee yard]
- 4 Remove entrance guard. [See Note # 2]
- 5 Check and replace defective comb/wooden ware
- 6 Remove all burr comb (take out of yard).
- 7 Reverse brood supers [See Note # 3]
- 8 Make splits/ nucs [For possible increases] [Control swarming]
- 9 Add Honey Super / Supers
- 10 Flip inner cover over { Shallow side down }
- 11 No medication on bees.

April 30 - July 15

- 1 Check colonies to see that they are O.K. and strong
- 2 Add honey supers [As required] { See Note # 4 }
- 3 Maintain bee yard condition. [Keep grass down]

July 15 - Aug 15

- 1 Remove honey supers.
- 2 Check for AFB. [Before removing supers from yard]
- 3 Take honey supers home and extract

Aug 15 - Sept 1

Do fall medication [If not using I.P.M. method]

Sept 1-Oct 1

- 1 Check colony for good queen [Requeen]
- 2 Remove medication strips if being used
- 3 Reverse inner cover [Deep side down]

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- 4 Place honey supers back on bees [Above inner cover]
- 5 Combine weak colonies [?]
- 6 Place entrance guards on bees [See Note # 2]
- 7 Feed colonies if required [See Note # 5]

After first killing Frost

- 1 Remove honey supers
- 2 Place wooden block between inner and outer covers.
- 3 Check entrance guards.
- 4 Check colony for winter stores.
- 5 Continue to feed if required [See Note # 5]
- 6 Check colony for good cluster

[Place weight on outer cover]

It's all over. Enjoy the holiday's. Start thinking about next year.

Notes

- 1 Do not use jars over inner cover
- 2 If using reducer type
- 3 Top box should be near full of Bees / Brood before reversing
- 4 When bees start to show sign's of building Burr Comb
- 5 Jars may be used above inner cover until first killing frost
- 6 If not. Seal colony up to prevent any bees from entering or remove colony from yard and place in an enclosed location until you are sure it did not die of A.F.B. [If you are not sure contact the bee inspector for an inspection]
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**New Jersey Plants
From Which Bees
Gather Pollen**

Common Name

Approx. Blooming Time

Skunk Cabbage	February - March
Spice Bush	March - April
Maples	March - Mid April
Hazel	Late March - Early April
Elms	Late March - Early April
Willows	Late April
Dogwood	May
Dandelion	May
Ash	May 1 - 15
Horse Chestnut	May - June
Birch	May 15 - 30
Hickory	May
Oaks	May
Locust	Late May - Early June
Crimson Clover	May
Tulip Whitewood	Late May - Early June
Wild Cherry	Late May - Early June
Mountain Laurel	June
Sheep Laurel	June
Black Alder	Mid June - Late June
Oxeye Daisy	Mid June
Indian Corn	July - August
Cucumber	August
Melons	August
Sunflower	Mid August - Mid September
Wild Turnip	August
Ragweed	August
Touch-me-not	August - September
White Aster	
Heath Aster	August - Mid October
St Micahelmas Daisy	
Goldenrod	Late Aug - Early October

**New Jersey Less
Than Surplus Nectar
Plants**

Common Name

Approx. Blooming Time

Maples	Mid March - Early April
Peach	Early April
Pear	Mid April
Apple	Late April - Early May
Willows	Late April
Dandelion	Early May
Wild Strawberry	May

Lupine	May
Raspberry	May
Grape	Late May - Early June
Persimmon	Mid June - Late June
Vervain	Late June - Early September
Virginia Creeper	Late June - Early July
Milkweed	July
Silkweed	
False indigo	July
Buttonbush	July
Tree of Heaven	July
Pride of China tree	
Catnip	July
Motherwort	August
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Horsemint	August - September
Boneset	Mid August - September
Poison ivy	Mid May - Late June
Holly	Late May - Late June
Mountain Laurel	Late May - Late June
Sheep Laurel	Late May - Late June
Burdock	July - November

New Jersey Surplus Honey Plants

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Approx. Blooming Time</u>
Crimson Clover	Mid May
Locust	May 20 - June 1
Tulip tree	May 20 - June 10
Swedish Clover	June 1 - July 10
Alsike Clover	
White Clover	Early June - Mid July
Dogbane	Early June - Late August
Indian Hemp	
Basewood	Late June - Early July
Linden	
Huckleberry	Late May - Late June
Blueberry	
California privet	Mid July - Late July
Sumac	Mid June - Late July
White sweet clover	June - November

Yellow sweet clover		May 20 - June 15
Cranberry		June 15 - August 15
August Flower	}	
Soap Bush		Late July - Late August
Sweet pepper bush		
Rose Mallow	}	Late July - Early September
Swamp Mallow		
Spanish needle		Mid August into October
Heartweed	}	
Smartweed		Late August - Mid October
Blackheart		
Heath aster	}	
White aster		Late August - Mid October
St Michaelmas daisy		
Goldenrod		Late August - Mid October
Buckwheat		Early August - Late August
<i>Purple loosestrife</i>		<i>Early August - Late September</i>