

The Bee Year

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
	Winter			Spring			Summer			Autumn		
To Do	Leave them alone. Crisis time for colony. Risk of Starvation. Watch entrance - check mouse guard. Check weight of colony. Check kit for coming season.			Weekly inspections. Swarm control. Remove mouse guard. Mark queens. Set wasp traps Check for eggs. Replace queen excluder. Make spare drawn frames			Weekly inspections. Remove crop. Swarm control. Ensure hives are bee tight. Check for expansion room Add supers. Return wet supers to same hive.			Weekly inspections.? Add mouse guard. Remove old combs. If keeping super over winter remove queen excluder.		
What are they doing	Staying inside. Eating reserves. Keeping warm.			Colony increases rapidly.			Swarming ----->					
Feeding	Put on a candy pack, probably with pollen.			Could start them on light syrup or stick with candy. Check food stores.			Pollen Gap		Main Nectar Flow		Check food stores.	
Diseases	Oxalic Acid		Oxalic Acid		Monitor Varroa levels.			Detailed disease inspection.			Treat for Varroa, Nosema.	