

Beehive Inspection Sheet



DATE:	TIME OF DAY:				
WEATHER:	HIVE 1	HIVE 2	HIVE 3	HIVE 4	HIVE 5
General observation					
Are the bees actively entering/exiting the hive?					
Are the bees bringing in pollen?					
Are there signs of robbing?					
Has the hive been disturbed by man or animal?					
Are the bees calm when you open the hive?					
Any outer signs of disease? (<i>chalkbrood at entrance, Nosema streaks</i>)					
Temperament					
Are the bees calm on the frames?					
Do the bees fly up and buzz around your veil?					
Do the bees sting your gloves/suit?					
Reproduction					
Is the brood pattern good? (<i>solid, middle of frame, multiple frames</i>)					
Can you observe eggs? (<i>one egg per cell</i>)					
Are the larvae healthy, shiny, pearly white?					
Are the larvae swimming in royal jelly?					
Is there capped and uncapped brood?					
Are the cappings slightly raised and even?					
Did you see the queen?					
Hive capacity					
How many 'seams' of bees between frames?					
How many frames are 'covered' in bees?					
How many frames are being used for brood?					
Do the bees have space to store nectar?					
Is there a balance of space for nectar and brood?					
Pests and Disease					
Are there ants in and around the hive?					
Any sign of wax moth? (<i>webbing, larvae</i>)					
Any sign of small hive beetle? (<i>scurrying beetles, larvae?</i>)					
Any sunken or perforated cappings? (<i>matchstick test for AFB/EFB</i>)					
Is there an odour? (<i>Do a larval smear test</i>)					
Are there many dead or dying bees?					
Mite test results (<i>alcohol wash or sugar shake & drone uncapping is the only effective way to test</i>)					
General Comments					