

Beekeeping Hive Inspection Logbook

Record Colony Health, Queen, Brood, Varroa Counts, Feeding, Treatments and Honey Harvests

This logbook belongs to: _____

Apiary name: _____

Location: _____

Phone: _____

Season / year: _____

Apiary / beekeeper registration no.: _____

Field & Hive Logbooks

How to Use This Logbook

- Use one inspection page per hive per visit. Write the hive number at the top so you can follow each colony through the season.
- Tick boxes are quick to fill with gloves on; use the notes area for anything unusual.
- Mite counts: write the method and the number of mites per 100 bees (alcohol wash or sugar roll of about 300 bees = 1/2 cup). Follow the treatment thresholds recommended by your local beekeeping association or authority.
- Always follow the label of any treatment product and your local laws. Some bee diseases and pests (such as American foulbrood, and in some countries European foulbrood or small hive beetle) must be reported to your bee inspector or state apiarist.
- Summary logs at the back (hives, queens, treatments, feeding, harvests, equipment) give you the whole season at a glance.

Before you open the hive

- ☐ Veil, suit and gloves
- ☐ Hive tool and frame grip
- ☐ Queen marking pen or cage
- ☐ Water to drink, phone charged
- ☐ Smoker lit, spare fuel
- ☐ Spare frames / foundation
- ☐ Feed or treatment if planned
- ☐ This logbook and a pencil

Hive Inspection

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Hive #: _____ **Date:** _____ **Time:** _____ **Weather:** _____ **Temp:** _____

Purpose of visit: _____

COLONY

Temperament: ☐ calm ☐ nervous ☐ defensive **Strength:** ☐ weak ☐ medium ☐ strong

Frames covered with bees: _____ **Frames of brood:** _____

QUEEN & BROOD

Queen seen: ☐ yes ☐ no **Eggs:** ☐ yes ☐ no **Larvae:** ☐ yes ☐ no

Capped brood: ☐ yes ☐ no **Drone brood:** ☐ yes ☐ no

Brood pattern: ☐ solid ☐ spotty **Queen cells:** ☐ none ☐ swarm ☐ supersedure

Queen marked: ☐ yes ☐ no **Year / color:** _____

STORES & SPACE

Frames of honey: _____ **Frames of pollen:** _____

Boxes: brood _____ supers _____ **Space:** ☐ ok ☐ tight ☐ too much

Foundation drawn (frames): _____ **Entrance:** ☐ open ☐ reduced ☐ mouse guard **Weight / heft:** _____

HEALTH

Varroa count - Method: ☐ alcohol wash ☐ sugar roll ☐ sticky board

Mites counted: _____ **mites / 100 bees:** _____ **board drop / day:** _____

Signs seen:

☐ deformed wings ☐ chalkbrood ☐ sunken/perforated cappings ☐ small hive beetle ☐ wax moth ☐ Asian hornet
☐ dead bees at entrance ☐ robbing

ACTIONS TAKEN

☐ added super ☐ removed super ☐ fed ☐ treated ☐ requeened ☐ split / swarm control ☐ combined
☐ harvested

Feeding (type / amount): _____

Treatment (product / dose): _____

NOTES

Next visit: _____ **To do next time:** _____