

# HONEY DO LIST

## Monthly Beekeeping Checklist



## AUGUST

August means full a full press on food production in most hives. The bees are going to filling up their pantry for the winter. Lots of late bloom pollen and honey will be produced and a lot more activity outside of the hive can be expected. Beekeepers will know if the hive is doing well by external observations often and will also be able to see if the hive is being tampered with by other creatures as the bees may begin to become more defensive. But know that the bees are just being bees.

### CHECKLIST

- Suggestion:** Beekeepers may want to execute fewer inspections this month. It can be hot and this can tend to make the bees a little ornerier than usual. Plan inspections around cooler weather rather than super-hot days. It will also make beekeepers more comfortable, too!
- Make water available, both inside the hive and outside of the hive. This can be done by filling the feeder jar with straight water and outside with a bird bath, rain barrel or kiddie pool with corks in it for the bees to land on.
- Replace water often and keep the water fresh. Droughts affect bees more significantly than other creatures, so keep this in mind as during weeks with little to know rain.
- Observation:** Bees will be producing significant amounts of honey and he bars may become wider. Pay attention to this using the following guidelines and always note in the Healthy Hive Inspection™ Software.
  1. Mark connected bars with an X to denote that they should be moved as if they are a single bar.
  2. If there are wide bars that are not attaching to the bars next to them, add spacer bars around them and note in your Inspection Checklist and Software.
- As the hive begins to reach capacity, remove a few bars of honey and store them in the Harvest Box. Your Harvest Box should be stored in a cool dry area where pests cannot get to it. If you are unsure about pests, plug the entrances and tape the sides to limit their invasion.
- Observation:** The queen will be laying in a noticeable pattern throughout August.

This checklist was created for beekeepers specifically in Midwest, USA. It may need to be adjusted for other beekeepers based on weather, location and other environmental factors. This list will be updated and variations will be created over time as needed. If you would like to help with the development of these checklists, please, contact us.

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