

# HONEY DO LIST

## Monthly Beekeeping Checklist



## JULY

In July, the bees will be doing what we all know bees to do... a lot of work. It can be a fun time to watch the bees and do inspections for the beekeeper as the pantry grows and the size of the colony potentially doubles. Be aware, as the heat increases, there can be challenges, though.

### CHECKLIST

- Monitor temperature and be sure to open and close the vent board on a regular basis because this can dramatically help or hinder the development of the colony.
- 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.
- Observation:** With increased heat, comes an increase in attached comb. Follow some guidelines when executing inspections.
  1. If there has been a long heat wave, wait till it is finished before inspecting the hive to limit the risk of comb breaking
  2. Be careful when executing bar flips as the bars could be heavy and comb could break based on the twisting motion.
  3. If comb breaks, use zip ties to repair the comb.
- Observation:** Bees will start storing honey and nectar at an increased rate. This means a potential change from building comb to more production based practices in the hive and the colony may slow the growth down.
- Option:** If ventilation is an issue, feel free to open up more entrances, but beware robber bees and pests if this is done. If robbers are discovered, close the entrances.
- For Newer Hives:** Bees may still be swarming. For more information on swarming, see JUNE HONEY DO List.

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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