

Pittsburgh, PA Beekeeper's Calendar

100% Natural Allegheny Valley Honey	
January	February
Emergency feeding	Emergency feeding
Repair old equipment	Assemble supers and frames
Locate good sites for new apiaries	Clean and repair old supers
Order package bees and queens	Attend WPA Seminar and BURGH BEES meeting
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March	April
Feed syrup to weak hives	Feed syrup to weak hives
Feed Fumadil-B if needed	Install package bees
Unite weak / queenless colonies	Cull out old or bad brood comb
Clean out bottom boards & entrances	Add honey supers during the last week of April
Place hives for package bees	Attend BVABA / BURGH BEES meeting
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May	June
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Check for swarm cells	Check for queen cells
Check for brood diseases	Manipulate hives to prevent swarming
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Replace poor brood frames	Check for brood disease
	Monitor mite populations
	Attend BVABA / BURGH BEES meeting
July	August
Treat for Mites if needed	Add supers for fall nectar flow
Check water sources	Feed weak colonies in preparation for winter
Keep weeds away from hive entrance	Monitor mite populations
Watch out for skunks	Hookstown and Big Knob fairs
Extract honey	Trookstown and big Knob land
BVABA / BURGH BEES out yard picnic	
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September	October
Requeen failing colonies	Unite weak colonies
Remove and extract surplus honey	Install mouse guards
Attend BVABA / BURGH BEES meeting	Set aside supers needing repairs
November	December
Prepare for winter	Take equipment inventory
Provide top ventilation	Review Apiary Records
Provide wind break if needed	Order new equipment
BVABA / BURGH BEES annual meeting and banquet	Make repairs on equipment
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