



SBA – Dundee University Research Collaboration: SBA Honey Survey 2015

We wish to follow through the 2015 Spring Survey and look at the performance of surviving colonies this summer. The survey is carried out with the agreement of the Markets Convener. Relevant data will be used in the Dundee University - SBA collaboration and by the SBA for assessment of national honey reports.

Results will be reported to the membership in the Scottish Beekeeper magazine once data is collected and analysed. It is important that we look at any emerging trends in our national survey and attempt to examine this by region and habitat type. Your help will be greatly appreciated as the more returns that we have the more reliable will the data be.

Information will be held in strictest confidence and no personal details released. Any use of data will not bear identification unless with your permission. We may wish to follow up some results so contact details are requested. Postal code information will be important for analysis of final data.

Please answer the following questions:-

1.

NAME	
Contact details: One of the following; Email / address / tel. No.	
Full apiary post code Please use your main apiary.	

If you sent in a response to the Spring 2015 ‘Overwinter Survey’ (Dundee University / SBA collaboration) please mark with a cross

2.

Number of honey producing colonies summer 2015 (exclude those used mainly for nuc production)	
Overall honey take for main apiary (in lbs)	

3. What is the predominant habitat for your apiary? Mark the appropriate box, or boxes, with a cross. (You may feel that more than one applies).

Urban: parks, gardens		Amenity e.g. golf course	
Rural: Unmanaged, wild			
Mixed woodland, wild, small fields			
Arable, livestock			
Arable, soft fruits			
Arable, cereals, OSR			

4. Mark the main forage the bees have access to; this may be more than one item.

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| Clover | Wild flowers, grasslands |
| Gorse, broom | Willowherb |
| Lime | Willows, wild cherry |
| Ling, bell heather | Sycamore |
| Oil seed rape | Field beans |
- Add any others you feel are important

5. If you take your bees to the heather what was your average heather honey yield in lbs/hive?

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6. This question is about any problems you have experienced with raising queens. This could be early supercedure, poor laying, drone layers, or disappearance of queens. Include problems with 2014 and 2015 queens (excluding natural ageing).

Please estimate the % failures

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What do you think was the cause of any problems?

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The completed form should be returned to the address below:

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 Medical Research Institute,
 Ninewells Medical School (level 6, Rm 093),
 MAIL BOX 6, University of Dundee, DD1 9SY

Or if electronic document to c.n.connolly@dundee.ac.uk

**** MARK AS "2015 Honey Survey"**