

Time of Year	What is happening for bees?	What is the biggest risk?	What can we do to help them?	Anything else?
Winter Solstice	Longer days - Start to raise brood	Starvation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Feed • Candy boards • Wrap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean dead bodies • Check if tipped • Pollen?
Early Food	Food – More brood	Backfilled nest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide space above the brood nest (Supers, Reversals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed?
Warm nights	Lots more food - nectar	Swarming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splits 	
You need to be queen right, and in good shape to make enough food stores for winter				
Main honey flow	Lots more food - nectar	Queen event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super like crazy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Supercedure • Mites
Dearth	No food	Nutritional Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robbing
You need to have varroa mites under control BEFORE your winter bees are made!				
Creation of Winter bees	Raising most important generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritional Stress • Mites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep mites under control • Watch pollen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requeening
Secondary Honey Flow?	Backfill with food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough nectar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed early and often 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robbing
Early Winter	No food, no brood, winter cluster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing – if you did your job well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouse guards • Upper entrance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moisture board