

Questionnaire

What Colony Traits are Most Important to You?

Date:

Province:

No. Queens bought in 2007:

No. Colonies you were operating by the end of the summer of 2007:

Which ***best*** describes your beekeeping business (check one):

Honey Producer

Queen and Nuc Producer

Part 1. How much are various colonies worth to you?

INSTRUCTIONS: Assign 100 points across the following colony traits in terms of their value to you. If any one of the listed traits is of absolutely no value give it a zero: do not leave any spaces blank. List any other traits not included under the category as ‘other’ and assign it a value. The total should add up to 100. This survey is identical to one designed by Englesdorp and Otis for Ontario beekeepers in 1994.

Colony Trait	Assigned Points (total of 100)
Honey production	
Resistance to tracheal mites	
Resistance to nosema	
Resistance to American foulbrood	
Resistance to chalkbrood	
Resistance to varroa mite	
Overwintering ability	
Spring brood build-up	
Fall termination of brood rearing	
Ability to store winter food	
Tendency to swarm	
Temperament	
Stability/calmness on the comb	
Other	
Specify:	
TOTAL	

Part 2. What is the value of different bee-related activities to you?

INSTRUCTIONS: Assign 100 points across the following bee-related activities from which you derive your income. List any other activity not included under the category 'other' and assign it a value. Again if an activity is of absolutely no value to you give it a zero; do not leave any spaces blank. The total should add up to 100. Again this survey is identical to one designed by Englesdorp and Otis for Ontario beekeepers in 1994.

Activity	Assigned Points (total of 100)
Pollination	
Farm gate honey sales	
Self packed honey retail	
Bulk honey sales	
Queen sales	
Nuc/colony/package sales	
Other bee products (e.g., wax)	
Processed bee products	
Other Specify:	
TOTAL	

Send completed surveys by 1 March 2008 to:

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If you have any questions **OR IF FILL OUT AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THIS SURVEY**, email me the survey directly to: melathopoulosa@agr.gc.ca