

## Bee equipment inspection / inventory

1. User:
  - all beekeepers
2. Frequency of use:
  - annual (at minimum)
3. Reasons for recording this information include:
  - business planning
    - provides information needed for equipment retirement plans,
    - helps predict economic input needed for the next beekeeping season (i.e., how much money will be needed to replace or repair equipment)
    - helps to determine how much equipment is sellable and realistically predict the economic value of equipment determined by condition
    - aids in developing business plans which are needed for approaching financial institutions for loans
    - provides needed information for selling beekeeping businesses and inheritance planning
  - bee biosecurity
    - removal of equipment which might be contaminated with disease
    - part of overall management to reduce disease
  - food safety
    - helps ensure correct protocol followed
    - provides a tool for tracing potential contaminants in honey
    - part of overall management to reduce potential contaminants in honey
4. References to the Bee Biosecurity Standard and CBISQT:
  - Bee Biosecurity Standard: pages 56-65 and 107
  - CBISQT: pages 9-15, 18, 27 and 29
  - this template is an adaptation of Bee Biosecurity Standard form 6.0 (page 146), and CBISQT form 1.0.1 (page 119)
5. General comments:
  - removal of disease ridden equipment is important to keep bees healthy in the bee yard as well as in other bee yards which are within flight distance
  - all hive equipment should be thoroughly inspected and inventoried at least once per year