

Bee yard: moving colonies
(excluding for large pollination contracts)

1. User:
 - all beekeepers
2. Frequency of use:
 - infrequent
3. Reasons for recording this information include:
 - business management
 - provides a record of problems during transportation may help to explain if colonies do not thrive
 - keeps track of genetics within the operation
 - bee biosecurity
 - helps ensure correct protocol followed
 - it's a tool to help trace potential diseases between bee yards
 - it's a tool to record of stressors which may increase bee susceptibility to disease
 - food safety
 - helps ensure correct protocol followed
 - it's a tool to help trace potential contaminants in honey if there is exposure to contaminants during the move
4. References to the Bee Biosecurity Standard and CBISQT:
 - Bee Biosecurity Standard: pages 23-24, 33 and 98
 - CBISQT: none
 - this template is an adaptation of Bee Biosecurity Standard form 4.0 (page 142)
5. General comments:
 - small scale operators who move a few colonies for pollination may want to use this template, or combine it with the one which follows for moving bees for pollination
 - small operators who produce only enough honey for house hold use may not find this template useful
 - records kept for moving colonies to fulfil large pollination contracts will differ from those kept to keep track of colonies that are moved to different bee yards within the operation for management or small scale pollination contracts
 - the "Bee yard: moving colonies (large scale operator with pollination contracts)" template is for beekeepers who move a large number of colonies for pollination contracts.
 - beekeepers may find it handy to keep a few blank paper copies of this template (or its equivalent) in their bee truck/vehicle