

Bee yard: off-hive disturbance record

1. User:
 - all beekeepers
2. Frequency of use:
 - as required
3. Reasons for recording this information include:
 - bee management
 - to assess costs of disturbance (e.g., equipment damage, bee losses)
 - this record may help explain unexpectedly poor honey yields or colony conditions
 - communication
 - having an account of disturbance for future reference if it is needed
 - a record of events and actions following a disturbance may be required for compensation
 - it may help with communication between landowner, applicators and beekeepers
 - bee biosecurity
 - it's a record of stressors which may increase bee susceptibility to disease
 - food safety
 - it's a tool to help trace potential contaminants in honey
4. References to the Bee Biosecurity Standard and CBISQT:
 - Bee Biosecurity Standard: pages 76-81 and 122
 - CBISQT: pages 11-14
 - this template is an adaptation of Bee Biosecurity Standard form 6.0 (page 144), and CBISQT forms 1.0.1 (page 119) and 1.0.2 (page 120)
5. General comments:
 - all beekeepers will occasionally experience damage from off-hive pests (e.g., skunk, bear, ants, vandals) in their bee yards
 - keeping records (i.e., date, pest, and damage) helps with explain poor honey yield, potential honey contaminations or poor colony conditions
 - beekeepers may find it handy to keep a few blank paper copies of this template (or their equivalent) in their bee truck/vehicle
 - there are new programs in place (check with your provincial apiarist) to help facilitate communication between aerial applicators and beekeepers