

Landowner and bee yard information

1. User:
 - all beekeepers
2. Frequency of use:
 - update or reference as required
3. Reasons for recording this information include:
 - business management
 - provides background information to the bee yard which can be useful for assessing value of the yard to the operation
 - organized yard records may increase the saleability of the operation
 - communication
 - handy location information (e.g., land locations) make it easier to give directions to bee yard visitors (e.g., provincial apiarist, crop insurance, bee inspectors, visiting beekeepers)
 - in case of emergency, bee yard contact and location information should be readily accessible to the beekeepers staff, family and others
 - facilitates contact between neighbouring beekeepers - timely communication of disease can lead to greater profitability for all concerned (better honey production, increased winterability, fewer medication costs, less employee/beekeeper time spent treating diseased colonies)
 - ease of contact with landowners
 - bee biosecurity
 - beekeepers should contact their provincial apiarists and bee inspectors when they have questions about disease and recommended treatments
 - when there are disease and issues (e.g., treatment resistance) arise operators (in particular small or new beekeepers) should contact neighbouring beekeepers (in particular large and/or experienced beekeepers) to maintain good neighbourly relationships and high standard of bee biosecurity
 - food safety
 - bee yard descriptions and location information may help trace origins of contaminants
 - knowing the environment around a bee yard may reduce the risk of honey contamination
4. References to the Bee Biosecurity Standard and CBISQT:
 - Bee Biosecurity Standard: pages 19-25 and 116
 - CBISQT: pages 9-14
 - this template is an adaptation of Bee Biosecurity Standard form 4.0 (page 142)
5. General comments:
 - keep an up to date copy in bee truck/vehicle in case need to contact yard owner immediately while in bee yard
 - neighbouring beekeepers should be contacted if bees are within flight distance
 - beekeepers should consider a yearly evaluation of their bee yard descriptions to ensure they are current and reflect the environment to which their bees are exposed
 - small and/or new beekeepers will likely need more assistance with disease problems than those with large scale operations
 - 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