

Ziploc Sugar / Honey Feed

This recipe is for preparing a conveniently packaged sugar / honey mix that can be fed to the honeybee colony during the winter. The mix quantities of sugar and honey are approximately 3 to 1 but should be adjusted to obtain the correct consistency.



What you need:

- Large mixing pot
- Granulated cane sugar
- Liquid honey (from own hives)
- Clean water
- Ziploc type polythene bags (from local supermarket)

How to make the mix:

- Put 3 parts cane sugar in the mixing pan
- Slowly add clean water and mix until a doughy consistency
- Mix in 1 part liquid honey to the sugar mix

NB - The final mix should be a soft but not liquid consistency that will not run out of the bag in the hive but wet enough to provide the bees with water..

Packaging:

Pack the mix into the Ziploc bags and seal ensuring all air is excluded. The sealed packs will remain in a useable condition for a considerable length of time.

Using the feed packs:

Place the pack, or packs depending on size, directly on top of the frames. Use a craft knife or similar to cut a few slits across the top of the pack for bee access. The bees will waste no time in smelling and finding the mix.