

# Feeding Your Honey Bees

Different Methods for Different  
Times of the Year



# Methods of Feeding

- Syrup 1 to 1
  - Inline feeder
  - Entrance feeder
  - Jar on type of frames
- Winter Patties
- Pollen Patties
- Candy Boards
- Honey from your honey bank
- Fondant
- Honey B Healthy
- Sugar



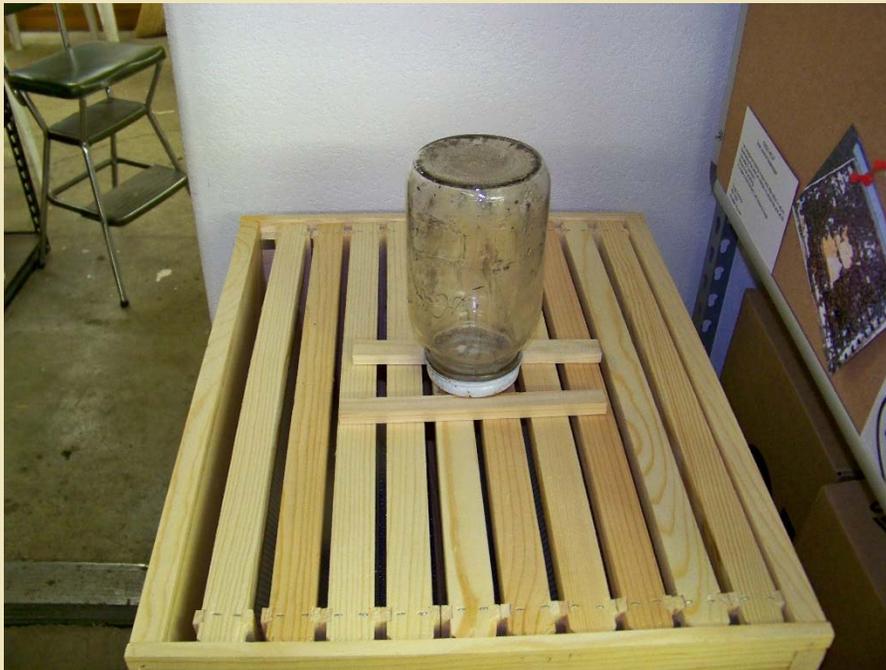
Inline feeder used when bees will start taking syrup 1 sugar to 1 water. Don't use in the Winter.



Entrance feeder can be used when bees are flying each day or at least breaking cluster everyday



Jars feeder on top of frames can be used in cooler weather but bees need to be breaking cluster.



Jar feeder on top of inner cover this method allows bees to heat smaller space



# Winter Patty-feed if the bees are short food and it is too cold for syrup



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**Winter Patties with Honey-B-Healthy**  
Honey bee feed to promote brood production and colony health.

**Guaranteed Analysis**

Crude Protein, min.	2.5%
Crude Fat, min.	2.0%
Crude Fiber, max.	1.0%
Moisture, max.	10%
Ash, min.	.20%

**Ingredient Statement**  
Sugar, High Fructose Corn Syrup, Plant Protein Products, Processed Grain By-Products, Citric Acid, Spearmint Oil, Lemongrass Oil, Lecithin. Contains no bee by-products.

**FEEDING DIRECTIONS**  
Place patty on top of brood chamber of hive, directly on top of the frames.



Pollen Patty-feed pollen substitute when bees start to brood or you want them to start brooding



Method for feeding both patties, winter patty in back and pollen patty in front. Take top paper off of winter patty and leave on pollen patty.



Additional way to feed patties is using a rim to add about 1 ½ inch of space above top hive body. You can add 2 winter patties or a pollen patty.



# Candy boards

- Many methods to make candy boards but this is about the easiest I have found for hobbyist. A spacer rim on top of queen excluder.



- Add sugar to each side on the newspaper and spray lightly with water
- Added benefit is sugar absorbs moisture from hive.
- You can put a pollen patty on one side in place of sugar.



Frame from our honey bank-frame needs to go in next to the bee cluster. This is the best method to feed bees in the winter.



# Fondant

- Fondant is a good winter and early spring feeding method for bees. Here is a recipe a fellow beekeeper gave me: 5 cups of water, 15 pounds of sugar, 3 cups of Karo light corn syrup. Bring water to a boil and put in sugar. When all the sugar is dissolved add corn syrup and bring temp up to a soft boil or 252 degrees (F). Then pour into aluminum pie pans. When set, put fondant on a sheet of wax paper above bees. Cut slits in wax paper so bees can get at the feed.



Feeding powdered mega Bee use a bird feeder or old bee box. This can be used when the bees are flying every day.



Honey B Healthy can be used in syrup, patties.  
Purchased patties have it in them already.



# Sugar use only cane or beet sugar

