



Pollination Standard (2015)

1. HIVE

- a. Langstroth type,
- b. Removable Frames,
- c. Frames Strengthened (Integrity during Transport).
- d. Super not a requirement, but used when Applicable.

2. LEAKPROOFNESS

- a. Construction &
- b. Condition :
- c. Ability to Seal Easily & Quickly.
- d. Bees may not Escape during Transport.

3. VENTILATION

- a. Construction,
- b. Condition,
- c. Closing Mechanism &
- d. Transport Practice :
- e. Facilitate Sufficient Ventilation
- f. To Prevent Heat Damage to Brood & Bees.
- g. Colony must be able to Function Normally one Day after Introduction.

4. QUEEN STATUS

- a. Actively Laying,
- b. As Reflected by the Brood Pattern,
- c. With a Good Distribution in the Amount of
- d. Eggs, Larvae & Sealed Brood.

5. DISEASE STATUS

- a. AFB --- No clinical symptoms.
- b. EFB --- Max 50 cells with clinical symptoms.
- c. Chalk Brood --- Max 50 cells with clinical symptoms.
- d. Varroa --- Max 5% for 100 Bees counted.
- e. Small Hive Beetle --- Not excessive, especially when colony strength is marginal.

6. COLONY STRENGTH

a. No Pollination Unit in Any Group may be Weaker than :

- i. Equivalent of 3 Frames of Brood with
- ii. 50% Cells of the above filled with Brood in all Stadia &
- iii. 6 Brood Frames Covered by Bees.
- iv. The latter in a Calmed-down Condition.

b. Average Strength in Any Group at Least :

- i. Equivalent of 4 Frames of Brood with
- ii. 50% Cells of the above filled with Brood in all Stadia &
- iii. For a Brood Box only: 7 Brood Frames Covered by Bees or
- iv. For a Brood Box with Super: 8 Brood Frames Covered by Bees.
- v. The latter in a Calmed-down Condition.

7. HIVE MANAGEMENT

- a. Combination Effect of
- b. Hive Construction, Colony Strength & Preparation :
- c. No Excessive Honey & Pollen (max 3 frames in Brood Box & 4 frames in Super).
- d. Proper amount of Empty Space :
- e. Queen must be able to Lay eggs,
- f. Workers must be able to work Normally &
- g. Swarming tendency must be Suppressed.
- h. The above applicable at least with Introduction.