

## **September Apiary checklist**

### **Points to Ponder**

For hives with 2 supers on-consider making one good full super from them

Prepare for September feeding if that is your normal usual practice

Swarm management procedures

Varroa checks

### **Getting ready for winter**

Many beekeepers feed the bees in September as the weather in October may be inclement

Making one full super of stores from 2 partially filled ones often has positive benefits

Colonies should be across at least 5 or 6 frames to survive winter - consider combing weaker colonies together or with stronger ones

Close down entrances and add mouse guards

### **Wasps and hornets**

The wasp traps and Asian hornet monitoring traps should now checked regularly

Monitor the activity at the front of the hive - this is where Asian hornets hover to catch bees on the wing

### **Check for Varroa**

The check for varroa should be standard now at every inspection

Treat as necessary

### **Check Hive Stands**

Check the hive stands ready for the rigours of winter - replace or strengthen as required

Tie down as required and necessary