

GOOD BEEKEEPING PRACTICES | Apiary Set-up and Maintenance

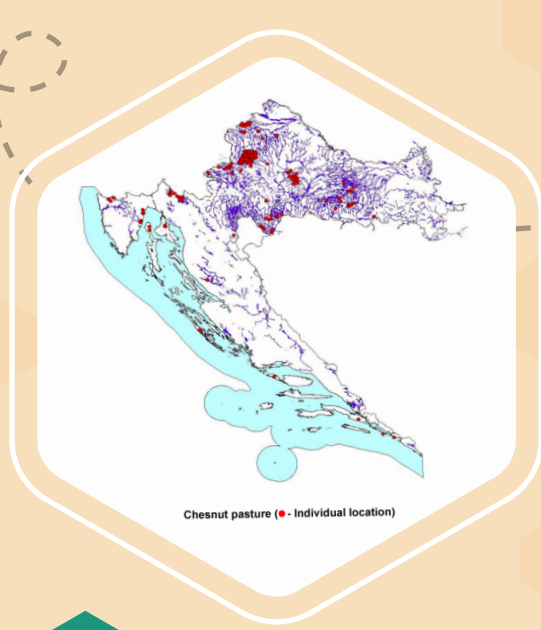
Setting up the Apiary

Seasonally relocating the apiary

When choosing a site for an apiary, you need to consider many factors. Some of them are the local conditions during active forager season and overwintering period. Due to the pollination service, and collection of nectar and pollen in different areas, it is necessary to move hives inhabited by honeybee colonies. Also, for easier overwintering, the hives can be transported to warmer areas.



During winter, you need to find a new suitable place to ensure good conditions for the bees. After the honey season, move the bee colonies to a well-suited winter apiary. In some places, this could be inside a storage room.



step 1

Decide about relocating honeybee hives, obtain permission from the landowner, and request approval from the pasture officer (check location availability).



step 2

A detailed clinical examination of honeybee colonies must be conducted. Only visually healthy colonies can be transported. Request a veterinary health certificate.



step 3

Prepare hives and vehicles for transportation.



step 4

Set the hives on vehicles, secure them, and close entrances.



step 5

Transport the hives.



step 6

Place hives in a new location to utilise current honey pastures.



step 7

Move hives to warmer geographical areas for easier overwintering.



step 8

Display a sign with beekeeper data in visible places on the vehicle, container, or near the apiary.



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