

BIBBA queen rearing time table.

| Enter start date queen to Jenter DD/MM/YY : | | | 14/05/2010 |
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| Weekday : | | | Fri |
| Day | Date | Wday | Description |
| | | | In early March carry out Spring inspections and select colonies that will be the drone rearers |
| | | | and give stimulative feed. Take drone colonies to the mating site. |
| 1 | 14/05/2010 | Fri | Prepare the 'Day One' hive. |
| 2 | 15/05/2010 | Sat | |
| 3 | 16/05/2010 | Sun | |
| 4 | 17/05/2010 | Mon | |
| 5 | 18/05/2010 | Tue | Put Queen Mother into Jenter. |
| 6 | 19/05/2010 | Wed | Eggs laid Remove Queen Mother if Jenter is laid up. |
| 7 | 20/05/2010 | Thu | |
| 8 | 21/05/2010 | Fri | Convert the 'Day One' hives to 'Day 8' hives. |
| 9 | 22/05/2010 | Sat | 18 hrs. old Transfer larvae from Jenter to Cell Raiser. |
| 10 | 23/05/2010 | Sun | |
| 11 | 24/05/2010 | Mon | |
| 12 | 25/05/2010 | Tue | |
| 13 | 26/05/2010 | Wed | |
| 14 | 27/05/2010 | Thu | Cells sealed |
| 15 | 28/05/2010 | Fri | |
| 16 | 29/05/2010 | Sat | |
| 17 | 30/05/2010 | Sun | Prepare nucs. (see below) |
| 18 | 31/05/2010 | Mon | Fill nucs with bees and add Queen cell. |
| 19 | 01/06/2010 | Tue | |
| 20 | 02/06/2010 | Wed | |
| 21 | 03/06/2010 | Thu | Q's emerge |
| 28 | 04/06/2010 | Fri | Take to mating site. Release at dusk. |

Bold letters indicate days on which an action is required.

Note: Entering the start date in the second line as requested will automatically change all the other dates to suit the new time-table.

Nucs must be made up drone free. This can be achieved by fitting an empty brood box with two or three frames of open brood on top of the queen excluder, brushing all bees from these combs beforehand and fit another queen excluder on top before replacing supers. Leave overnight, then shake or brush bees from these frames into a box fitted with a mesh bottom, first spraying the bees on the comb with a very fine spray to prevent flying.

With the Apidea nucs upside down and with the bottom slide 3 parts open, scoop up 250 ml of bees with a plastic container and dump a measure into each box. Leave for a couple of hours for bees to dry off, then add a queen cell.