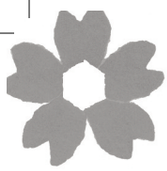

BBKA Hive Recording System

Name

Apiary No:
Colony No:

Queen Breeding

Date of Visit	Q	QC	Brood	Stores	Room	Health	Varroa	Temper	Feed	Supers	Weather	Notes

BBKA Hive Recording System - Notes

- **Date** Date of the inspection
- **Q** Presence of the Queen
  [✓ Queen seen, **X** Queen not found, **C** Queen clipped, **W,Y,R,G,B** Queen marked with appropriate colour code]
- **QC** Presence of Queen cells
  [**x** = none seen, **10x** = 10 seen but all removed, **2L** = 2 seen and left alone]
- **Brood** State of the brood
  [**e** = eggs seen, ✓ = brood pattern ok, **3** = brood covering 3 frames, **X** = no brood]
- **Stores** The quantity of stores available
  [**10** = equivalent of 10 super frames available]
- **Room** The available space for the queen to lay eggs
  [**5** = equivalent of 5 brood frames available]
- **Health** The state of the brood and adult bees
  [✓ = all ok, CB? = Possible chalk brood, EFB? = Possible EFB, etc.]

If you are not sure whether a disease is present, it is advised that you consult a more experienced beekeeper. If you think EFB or AFB may be present it is mandatory that you call the Appointed Bee Inspector.

- **Varroa** The number of Varroa mites in colony
  [**l,m,h** = low, medium or high, (say) 1000 = the estimated Varroa population in the hive calculated from natural drop, or other estimation methods].
  It is recommended that the mite drop is checked regularly and a numerical value of the Varroa population estimated.
- **Temper** The docility of the colony
  [**10** = nice calm bees, **8** = bees agitated, **6** = bees sting, **4** = bees that follow too much, etc]
- Feed How much feed given
  [**2 LS** = 2 litres of light syrup, **1 HS** = 1 litre of heavy syrup, etc.]
- Supers How many supers removed or added
  [**+1** = one super added, **-0.5** = 5 frames removed, etc]
- Weather The temperature and cloud cover
  [**c** = cloudy, **s** = sunny, **r** = rainy, **f** = fair]
- Notes Anything of interest to add
  [lot of propolis, brood box needs repair, etc.]

The examples given in brackets illustrate how a numerical scoring system can be derived. If the records are to be used for the Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry the scoring system should be explained to the assessor.
Either metric or imperial units may be used.

The headings marked in bold are important and must be maintained for the Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry.