

## An online survey is being conducted among beekeepers

The BeeDep project conducts a series of online survey to identify the current situation and challenges to the beekeeping in Mongolia. This time, surveys from No.4 to No.10 with below contents are being conducted through the project Facebook page.

No.4: Summer and autumn herding management

No.5: Breeding of queen bees

No.6: Use of honey and pollen plants

No.7: Honey standard

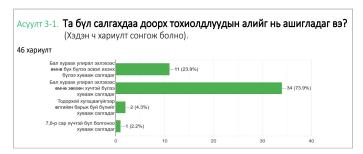
No.8: Preparation for winter

No.9: Conditions for winter facility

No.10: Spring herding management

The information provided by the participants will be summarized and reported on the Facebook page. Beekeepers are encouraged to collaborate with us as they can easily fill the online survey.

The previous e-survey No. 3, which was conducted under the topic of a bee colony split, a total of 46 beekeepers participated. The results of this survey and corresponding project recommendations were posted on the Facebook as a video.



From the results of the survey No.3: Out of the respondents, 23.9% said that all or most bee colonies are split before the start of honey-flow. However, taking into account the number of broods and worker bees at the time of the split, care must be taken not to weaken the strength of the main bee colony by pre-estimating their gain of strength and the flowering period of honey plants for the next three weeks. For instance, it is important that the main bee colony to be split has about 10 frames (can be added second box) or is strong enough.

## Online training was organized

On January 19, an online session on "Basic concepts of beekeeping" was conducted for the students of the "Beekeepers" class at the Agricultural Vocational Education Training Center (VETC) in Bulgan aimag. The BeeDep project has been collaborating with the VETC on development of beekeeping technology and revision of their training curriculum.

## An online meeting was held to share experiences

An online beekeeping experience sharing meeting was held successfully on January 27-29 involving beekeepers in Orkhon soum of Darkhan-Uul Province. A total of 26 participants were divided into three groups, and shared experiences on protein feed for bees, methodologies for breeding queen bees and availability of wintering facility.

In the future, we are planning to hold experience-sharing online meetings with beekeepers in other areas.

The project has been working to develop a comprehensive handbook to support the development of beekeeping in Mongolia. This handbook will be finalized by combining information such as the survey results, beekeepers' feedback and experiences, and results from local activities.





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