

## Landowner and bee yard information

1. User:
  - all beekeepers
2. Frequency of use:
  - update or reference as required
3. Reasons for recording this information include:
  - business management
    - provides background information to the bee yard which can be useful for assessing value of the yard to the operation
    - organized yard records may increase the saleability of the operation
  - communication
    - handy location information (e.g., land locations) make it easier to give directions to bee yard visitors (e.g., provincial apiarist, crop insurance, bee inspectors, visiting beekeepers)
    - in case of emergency, bee yard contact and location information should be readily accessible to the beekeepers staff, family and others
    - facilitates contact between neighbouring beekeepers - timely communication of disease can lead to greater profitability for all concerned (better honey production, increased winterability, fewer medication costs, less employee/beekeeper time spent treating diseased colonies)
    - ease of contact with landowners
  - bee biosecurity
    - beekeepers should contact their provincial apiarists and bee inspectors when they have questions about disease and recommended treatments
    - when there are disease and issues (e.g., treatment resistance) arise operators (in particular small or new beekeepers) should contact neighbouring beekeepers (in particular large and/or experienced beekeepers) to maintain good neighbourly relationships and high standard of bee biosecurity
  - food safety
    - bee yard descriptions and location information may help trace origins of contaminants
    - knowing the environment around a bee yard may reduce the risk of honey contamination
4. References to the Bee Biosecurity Standard, CBISQT and BMP:
  - Bee Biosecurity Standard: pages 19-25 and 116
  - CBISQT: pages 9-14
  - this template is an adaptation of Bee Biosecurity Standard form 4.0 (page 142)
  
  - BMP pages 3-5 and 49-50
5. General comments:
  - keep an up to date copy in bee truck/vehicle in case need to contact yard owner immediately while in bee yard
  - neighbouring beekeepers should be contacted if bees are within flight distance
  - beekeepers should consider a yearly evaluation of their bee yard descriptions to ensure they are current and reflect the environment to which their bees are exposed
  - small and/or new beekeepers will likely need more assistance with disease problems than those with large scale operations
  - removal of disease ridden equipment is important to keep bees healthy in the bee yard as well as in other bee yards which are within flight distance
  - all hive equipment should be thoroughly inspected and inventoried at least once per year