

Walk Away Split⁺ Calendar



Advance Preparation			
Late fall/early winter	1. Deal with varroa population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Varroa numbers • Treat with Oxalic 2. Select breeder colony 3. Gather materials		
Early-March	Start feeding breeder colony protein/carbohydrates		
Target mating day:			
Day	Date	Breeder colony	Split
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove uncapped brood, honey and pollen frames from upper(#2) and lower(#1) boxes • Consolidate remaining frames from box#2 into box #1 and brush all bees into box #1 • Set aside empty box #2 • Place queen excluder between box #1 and #3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place frames from boxes #1 and #2 into empty box #3 (split)
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove queen excluder • Take box #1 with old queen and place on its own stand in a new location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove box #3 and set up on the original stand (our split) • Continue feeding
4			Eliminate early capped queen cells Select best queen cell for split Multiple queens = separate frames with cells
18			Queen(s) emerges and exoskeleton hardens over next 5/6 days
22-23			Queen takes mating flight(s) and her body prepares for egg laying
Continue feeding until queen starts laying eggs			
27-28			Queen starts laying eggs
29-36			Opportunity to deal with phoretic Varroa mites before cells capped
42-43			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check brood pattern • Mark queens
Yeah, you did it and the queen too!			