

Pure Cane Sugar Patties

A short, but sure-fire way to get emergency sugar to your winter bees

Prepare sugar cakes by pouring out pure cane sugar in a bowl and adding warm water.

Stir until the sugar feels like beach sand.

Make these into patties (4 - 6 inches in diameter) and press over waxed paper.

Before applying to the hive, trim the paper so bees can easily access the patties.

Apply on frames on the top box where the bees are clustered.

Remember the bee space; you will need to use a spacer between the patties and the cover, if not using a moisture box or inner cover above the patties.

Store unused patties in the freezer.



“Beach sand” texture



Hungry bees consuming pure sugar patties

NOTE: We are no longer recommending fondant candy. Fondant contains a chemical, HMF, (hydroxymethylfurfural), which harms bees. You can read all about it on Rusty Burlew's Honeybee Suite site: <https://honeybeesuite.com/tag/hydroxymethylfurfural/>