

Title	Carry out honey harvesting		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: remove honey supers from beehives and remove bees from honey supers; and check beehives, and transport and store honey supers for extraction.
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Classification	Agriculture > Apiculture
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and standards relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997;
 - Animal Products Act 1999;
 - Biosecurity Act 1993;
 - Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998;
 - Food Act 2014;
 - Food Standards Code and Food Standard: Tutin in Honey 2016;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Premises used for the manual extraction of honey for the purposes of on-selling are required to be registered in accordance with the Food Act 2014.

Beekeepers who export honey need to be listed with Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

Beekeepers may export under the Animal Products Act 1999 using a Risk Management Programme (RMP) or under the Food Act 2016 using a Food Control Plan (FCP) or a National Programme (NP1 or 3).

- 3 Definitions
Supers refer to boxes containing honey.
Workplace procedures refer to the policies and procedures set by the employer or organisation on workplace safety, and honey harvesting.
- 4 Workplace procedures must be consistent with the following references –
 Goodwin, Mark, *Elimination of American Foulbrood Disease without the use of Drugs: A Practical Manual for Beekeepers* (Otaki, New Zealand: National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand Inc., revised edition 2018) (also referred to as The Beekeeper's Manual); and

Goodwin, Mark and Taylor, Michelle, *Control of Varroa – A Guide for New Zealand Beekeepers* (Wellington, New Zealand: New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, revised edition 2007).

All references are available from Apiculture NZ, PO Box 25207, Wellington 6146, New Zealand <http://apinz.org.nz/contact/> or [email info@apinz.org.nz](mailto:info@apinz.org.nz) ph + 64 4 471 6254.

5 For the purposes of assessment:

- evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from the workplace;
- evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Remove honey supers from beehives and remove bees from honey supers.

Performance criteria

1.1 Remove honey supers from beehives.

1.2 Remove bees from honey supers.

Range two of – shake and brush, escape board, bee blower.

Outcome 2

Check beehives, and transport and store honey supers for extraction.

Performance criteria

2.1 Check beehives for disease and reassemble.

2.2 Prepare honey supers for transport, and load, stack and cover to minimise robbing.

2.3 Transport honey supers to the extraction plant following all extraction plant hygiene requirements.

2.4 Remove honey supers from transport vehicle and store.

2.5 Maintain and sterilise bee equipment.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 25889.
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.