

## TREATMENT TIMING FOR COMMERCIAL MIGRATORY ALMOND POLLINATORS



**TREAT TWICE A YEAR WITH  
MITEGONE 65% FORMIC ACID  
COMMERCIAL KITS AND METHOD**  
<http://www.mitegone.com/media.asp#sideliner>

**It cleans your own hives but also  
prevents them from reinfestation.**

**DO NOT UNWRAP THE PADS**  
**INSTALL PADS OPEN END DOWN**  
For how to, limits, and side effects, see our home page

**Performing verification testing on 20 randomly selected colonies before each treatment is a must.**

Use natural drop collected over 3-5 days and prorated to 24 hours. Drops below 8-10 mites are prove that your last treatment worked and you are below the economical damage threshold. (See testing for instructions.) Treat even with '0' drop results. **DO NOT DROP TEST AFTER TREATMENT**

### **TREATMENT IN ALMOND POLLINATION:**

**The best time to treat is** after prepared your hives to go to almond pollination. Treat when your hives are at the point where they have 8 or more frames of bees and they are ready to expand during almond pollination. You want to treat before the extensive brooding period. Place two half pads into each hive in the top box on the side between the side of the box and the outside frame. Taking into account usual weather patterns, the pads will last approximately 30 or more days. Not only will you be treating your own hives but the presence of the pads will fight re-infestation from other's hives.

**YOU CANNOT TREAT BOOMING HIVES AFTER ALMOND POLLINATION. THESE HIVES ARE TOO STRONG AND ARE ABLE TO VENTILATE TOO VIGOROUSLY. THEY WILL VENTILATE ALL OF THE ACID FUMES OUT OF THE HIVE AND NEGATE YOUR TREATMENT.**

**IF YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO TREAT DURING POLLINATION, DON'T TREAT YOUR FULL-SIZE HIVES. TREAT YOUR SPLITS.**

After almond pollination is finished, treat when you are doing splits and have one box full of bees and are putting an empty box on the top of this split. Use two pads in the top box as a "spring treatment". The hives can be shipped this way and queens can be successfully introduced during the treatment.

**OR -** If you are shipping your splits as singles put 2 half pads in the hive when you are making them. You can also put the pads in after the splits are shipped when you are putting the second box on at home.

**DO NOT REMOVE THE PADS UNTIL** you are preparing your hives for honey production.

If you follow this method, you will be very happy with the results. You will think that both mites and other problems that are plaguing beekeeping today don't exist. Also, your yearly costs cost can be lower than the combination of treatments you are using now.

## **PREVENTING DAMAGE TO YOUR WINTER BEES - TREATMENT:**

**IF YOUR HOME IS IN THE NORTHERN OR CENTRAL STATES** and you are planning to take your hives to California in the late fall or winter you have to treat in August. All treatments in late September or October are too late! The damage to your winter bees has already been done and your colony may collapse.

*Scientific reaserch in beekeeper frendly language explaining why this will happen can be found at: <http://www.mitegone.com/media.asp#timing> Timing and directions for when to treat in other locations is in this paper too.*

**IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA** and have a drought in mid-summer, postpone your treatment to late September or October when your queens have reduced their brood laying.

**IF YOU ARE FROM THE GULF STATES** and have a hot and humid climate and a long brooding period, postpone treatment to the dry part of fall.