

SOUTHWEST SURVIVOR QUEENBEE PROJECT
PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for expressing interest in The Southwest Survivor Queenbee Project. Your honest participation is necessary and valuable for developing sustainable relationships among regional beekeepers. Sustainable solutions to our ever changing threats and obstacles in maintaining our colonies in a healthy and conscientious manner require us to be innovative, motivated and responsible. Zia Queenbee Co, Western SARE¹ and beekeepers throughout the Rocky Mountains and the Greater American Southwest thank you for your sincerity when filling out this preliminary questionnaire. Please review the project synopsis and please feel free to share your concerns, ideas and suggestions for this project. Return questionnaire to: Zia Queenbee Co. - P. O. Box 317- Truchas, New Mexico 87578

NAME OF BEEKEEPER: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #/ EMAIL: _____

*The nature of this project requires gathering, assessing and sharing of honeybee information collected.
All personal information will be confidential.*

Please sign below allowing ZQB, Western SARE and participating beekeepers to share your colony/ queen information. You also have access to this shared information as a participant.

signature

Please answer separately for each of your colonies you deem above average and foresee as potential breeder candidates. The more details you are able to provide, the higher accuracy of this project. Thank you-

QUEEN TYPE AND COLOR? _____

AGE OF QUEEN? _____

ORIGIN (FROM WHERE DID YOU GET HER?) _____

COLOR OF HER BEES (BY %)? _____

COLOR OF HER DRONES? _____

HAS SHE OVERWINTERED (& HOW MANY WINTERS)? _____

WHAT TREATMENTS HAVE YOU USED (CONVENTIONAL AND NATURAL/HOMEOPATHIC)?
Use additional space if needed.

¹ SARE: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING using POOR- FAIR-AVERAGE- GOOD- EXCELLENT

HONEY PRODUCTION: Does this hive produce above average?

GENTLENESS: Are you able to work this colony with minimal use of smoke, veil and gloves? Does this colony react immediately, in numbers and aggressively when tapped? What is your overall rating on this queen and her colony's demeanor?

BROOD PATTERN: Is it well established lacking of empty cells and brood with both pollen and honey?

BROOD PRODUCTION: At what speed does this queen lay out a frame in a honey flow? If you supplement with syrup and/or pollen- how much feed and at what rate does she lay?

POLLEN COLLECTION: Is this queen's colony able to supply its protein needs, have surplus or does it routinely require pollen either from other colonies or bee pollen supplement?

PEST/DISEASE RESISTANCE: Does this queen and her colony exhibit resistant traits to (please rate each separately)

	POOR-routinely exhibits	FAIR- exhibited and overcame with assistance	GOOD –exhibited and overcame alone	EXCELLENT- no evidence to date of infection	COMMENTS
American Foulbrood					
European Foulbrood					
Chalkbrood					
Sac brood					
Stone brood					
Varroa Mites					
Tracheal Mites					
Small Hive Beetle/ Wax moths					
Hygienic traits					