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APICULTURE UNIT

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

- To improve and maintain a pest and disease-free status of apiaries in targeted areas through access to technology

ROLE & FUNCTION OF THE APICULTURE UNIT

To provide the following services to the beekeeping industry:

Apiculture Research:

- To identify best practices applicable to local conditions.
- To equip beekeepers with the requisite knowledge to enhance their beekeeping business.
- To advise The Government on all apiculture related matters.
- To liaise with NGOs , beekeeping organizations, beekeepers and other stake holders in support of the development of the industry.

Regulatory Apiculture:

To protect and monitor the beekeeping industry against exotic bee pests and to monitor/control existing bee pests in Jamaica.

- Conduct trainings to foster technology transfer both individually and collectively.
- To conduct field visits / apiary site inspection.
- To identify & monitor bee pests and diseases.
- Monitor all apiaries.
- To monitor ports of entry for bee swarms.
- To regulate the imports of bees, honey & other bee products.
- To provide support service to bee farmers.
- To develop Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Strategies.
- To implement special beekeeping development projects and programmes.

Beekeeping Extension:

- This involves the provision and delivery of Extension service in the industry to ensure sustainability and improvement in the livelihood of those involved. Extension Service is done by the unit's extension officers who provide trainings, apiary selection and inspection along with other beekeeping related activities.

Additionally the Unit facilitates the following

- Registration cards for the purchase of feed for bees and pesticides to protect hives from honeybees pest.
- Permits for the movement of bees.
- Status letters for registered bee farmer.
- Identify and facilitate research projects in the area of Apiculture .

On farm training being conducted by an Extension Officer.

