

## **Sugar Bag Feeding**

Supplementary sugar feed for honeybees, used to supplement honey stores in winter. Usually fed by placing directly on top of hive frames using an empty super. Bees will chew into the bag to access the sugar, and will throw the paper out of the hive entrance.

### **Health and Safety Information**

#### **Hazards:**

- Slip hazard from spilled water and sugar granules

#### **Risks:**

- Slips and falls

#### **Control:**

- Have all necessary equipment, utensils to hand before starting
- Work over a containment area such as a sink
- Clean up any spills immediately

### **Equipment and consumables**

Basin or sink

Kitchen fork

Bags of refined white granulated sugar (cane or beet)

Fresh Water

### **Method**

Take a 1kg bag of granulated sugar and using a kitchen fork carefully pierce the bag a few times to create small holes on the front and rear of the bag. Submerge the bag in the fresh water for a few moments to allow some water to penetrate, then remove the bag from the water and lay to one side to allow excess water to drain. Do not leave the bag submerged so long that the sugar inside turns to mush, it just needs the sugar dampened enough for it to hold together in the bag.

### **Shelf Life**

The Sugar Bag Feeders are very easy and quick to prepare, and are suitable for immediate use making them ideal for emergency feed. They will keep for some time when kept sealed in airtight containers in a warm dry environment. Keep prepared bags away from vermin.