Worker	Day	Queen	External factors
Egg laid	0	There is a queen present	
	1		
	2	queen cells start to draw down if eggs in cups	
egg Hatches	3		
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	6	emergency cells may be started here	
	7		
	8	Queen cells sealing	
Larvae Capped	9		
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	11		Swarm may leave any time now
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	13		Old queen stops laying 2-3 days prior
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	15		
	16	Virgin queen hatches	
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	19	Orientation flight/s	
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Worker emerges from cell	21		
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	23		Weather - Cold
	24	Optimum period for mating	Wind
	25		Rain
	26		*Mature* Drones
	27		Beekeeper intervention
	28		
	29		
	30		
Ideal mating scenario	31	Possible window for mating	
	32		Increasing likelyhood
	33		of failure
	34	Queen comences laying [1- 5 days post insemination]	
	35		
	36		
Eggs Hatch	37		
Larvae being fed	38		Beekeeper realises
	39		hive is not queenless
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