

HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2011

The following provides a brief summary of important developments in the Australian honey bee industry. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council and/or by subscribing to the newsletter which is available without cost by email.

AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL – MONTH IN REVIEW

UPDATE - AHBIC ACTIVITIES

A brief outline of the activities undertaken by your Association in the past month is included for your information naturally if you should seek any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact the AHBIC office.

APIS CERANA UPDATE

The latest updates from Trevor Weatherhead are in this edition.

AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION SERVICE (AQIS)

AQIS is conducting a review of the current Export Control (Organic Produce Certification) Orders to provide a more efficient system for the whole of the organic industry. Also attached are the following two documents:

- *Summary paper – a summary of why AQIS is reviewing the Orders and seeking your input through a consultation process*
- *Questionnaire – a request for your view on a range of important issues surrounding matters that may impact the organic industry as a whole.*

UN - BEE DEATHS MAY SIGNAL WIDER POLLINATION THREAT

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) believes the decline in flowering plants, a spread of parasites, use of pesticides or air pollution were among more than a dozen factors behind recent collapses of bee colonies mainly in North America and Europe,

“QUEEN OF THE SUN” – The Movie

The movie is an in-depth investigation to discover the causes and solutions behind Colony Collapse Disorder.

2011 CONFERENCE DATES

Included are the dates for the 2011 State Conferences and AHBIC Annual General Meeting which will be held in South Australia (including arrangements for accommodation)

CROP & STOCK REPORTS

The latest reports from the States for autumn 2011.