

## HEADING: ESBA winter losses survey

With the particularly difficult recent summers and winters it has been challenging for many beekeepers to get colonies through to the spring.

The SBA and University of Dundee are running a winter survey on a national level to which every beekeeper is encouraged to contribute (see the latest issue of The Scottish Beekeeper for the form). However, it would be useful to record what the situation is locally as responses to the national survey will not be available to us so we are asking members to provide data on their experiences.

The outcome of this local survey should provide the ESBA with essential information, which will be used (among other things) to help and inform newer members of the association.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the form below, and either email or post it to ESBA Committee Member Bill Hunter at 2b Arnhall Gdns, Dundee, DD2 1PH, or email to [w.n.hunter@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:w.n.hunter@dundee.ac.uk)

**Name: [optional] Colin Smith**

**Number of full hives (strong colonies) going into winter: Two**

**Number that have survived: Two**

**Number of nucleus colonies (5 frames or less) going into winter: None**

**Number that have survived: None**

**Can you identify possible reason(s) why your hives/nuclei died? Please tick and where appropriate give a number.**

Queen loss:

Isolation starvation:

Varroa:

Lack of bees/poor mating:

Pesticides:

Other (please state):

**When and what treatments were given in 2012 for Varroa?**

**ApiLife Var (October) - Oxalic acid (late December)**

**Any other comments?**

Many thanks for your cooperation. We would appreciate it if ESBA members could reply by the end of May. Please be assured that no personal details will be released to anyone other than the individuals organising the ESBA survey.