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# For even more information and a video about using VitaFeed Gold, see www.vita-europe.com/products/vita-feed-gold

## WHAT FOR

VitaFeed Gold stimulates colony growth and brood population in a controlled manner.

## WHEN

Colonies are best administered with VitaFeed Gold in early Spring (when colonies are building up), or in late Autumn, after the supers have been removed.

### PREPARATION

VitaFeed Gold must be diluted before application.

Do not exceed the concentration of VitaFeed Gold in the sugar solution and ensure that the whole solution is thoroughly mixed.

Shake the product in the original bottle to mix well, before use.

### HOW MUCH

50ml VitaFeed Gold is required per complete hive application.250ml of VitaFeed Gold is sufficient for 5 colonies.1 litre of VitaFeed Gold is sufficient for 20 colonies.

## **APPLICATION METHODS**

## **Trickling Method**

- Make a 10% solution of VitaFeed Gold in sugar syrup (eg 50% water, 50% sugar) or water.
  Eg 50ml VitaFeed Gold + 450ml sugar syrup = 500ml diluted solution ready for application.
- 2. Shake the VitaFeed Gold /sugar syrup mixture well.
- 3. Apply 100ml of solution per colony by dribbling evenly between the bee spaces. Repeat up to another 4 times (that is 5 feeds in total), applied every other day.

The full application (500ml diluted solution per hive) takes 9 days:

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Apply		Apply		Apply		Apply		Apply

## **Feeding Method**

 Alternatively, the product can be diluted to 1% solution and fed to the bees in sugar syrup (10ml VitaFeed Gold: 990ml sugar syrup per colony). Do not feed in higher concentrations. Depending on how quickly the bees take the syrup, feeding should be administered at approximately 2 to 4 day intervals. Repeat feeding a minimum of two times and up to a maximum of five times over a period of 10-20 days.

#### STORAGE

VitaFeed Gold should be stored at temperatures below 25°C.

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