

VitaHive provides a range of highly effective nutritional products that provide substantial health and productivity benefits to your hives.

When it comes to real world results seeing is believing so we've prepared a handy trial guide that to help test and trial VitaHive products on your hives.

HOW TO TRIAL VITAHIVE POWER FEED™

1. Select hives for your trial. Depending on the amount of Power Feed you're trialling this could be 1-2 hives or an entire apiary.

If you are using an existing feed:

Feed 1/3 of your hives with the existing feed product

Feed 1/3 of your hives with VitaHive Powerfeed

Leave 1/3 of your hives as control hives (do not feed these hives)

If you do not currently use a feed:

Feed 1/2 of your hives with VitaHive Powerfeed

Leave 1/2 of your hives as control hives (do not feed these hives)

TIP: Be sure to mark each of your hives with what they are being fed!

2. If you are using Power Feed Patties you can start your trial immediately. If you are using Power Feed Powder you'll need mix and make your patties prior to feeding.

To make patties from powder simply mix 1kg of powder with 1l of sugar syrup and 40mls of oil. For best results use flax seed or hemp oil. Canola oil can also be used but stay away from aromatic oils like olive oil as the smell will reduce feed uptake.

3. 1-2 weeks after your first feed you'll be ready to start your observations. Keep in mind it can take a couple of brood cycles to see a noticeable increase in bee numbers. This also means you'll need to maintain feeding throughout this period

Things to look for when making your observations. Compare these observations against the hives that were not fed or fed with other pollen supplements.

- Consumption – as Power Feed is higher in protein than other pollen supplements, it's sometimes eaten more slowly but will deliver the same or greater nutrition volume.
- Royal jelly around pupa? Has the level increased, does the brood look wetter?
- Look for increased volumes of brood around 1 month after feeding
- Are there more small young bees in the hive?

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