



BeeNectar questionnaire 4

wintering and spring development

Beekeeper's name and last name	Was Beenectar lid of any help to you while you were checking the state of the bee society, during winter?	Was Beenectar lid of any help to you when you were checking the food supplies, during winter?	Was Beenectar lid of any help to you while you were adding the bee bread to bee societies, during winter ?	Were the above mentioned activities easier, faster and safer in comparison with the activities done when you had the old lid.	Describe the conditions in the beehive with Beenectar lid during winter compared to beehives with the standard lid.	Have you noticed easier application of veterinary treatments (name the treatments).	Have you used the possibility which Beenectar lid offers for adding the syrup gradually, through the directly accessible feeder, for the stimulation of feeding of the queen bee. (Adding of the syrup for the stimulation of the queen bee should be done several times, even every day, starting with 200g and depending on the increase of the population we increase the amount of syrup in order to satisfy the needs of the population. This is how we get maximum results).	Please use the field to add all the information that you find important and that you have noticed during winter.	Beenectar lid		Old lid	
									The number of bee population at the beginning of winter:	The number of bee population at the end of spring development	The number of bee population at the beginning of winter:	The number of bee population at the end of spring development
Nenad Stojanovic	Yes, it was fast and easy without cooling the beehive.	Yes, particularly the bee bread and the state of the bee cluster.	Yes, adding was 30% faster than with the ordinary lid.	3 times faster and easier.	It was easier and faster to add bee bread as well as to check the bee state (the position of the bee cluster, the amount of honey). The warmth in the beehive is easily preserved. Although, there is a greater amount of humidity and condensation when the ventilation is closed.	Yes, during the treatment against Varroa mites.	Yes	During the first part of winter the shutters were open, there was no condensation. Later on I closed all the shutters when the temperature dropped below zero. Condensation and humidity appear, without any consequences for stronger colonies, since they use condensated water, while mold appears in the weaker colonies. This was noticed during the first spring checking. Higher percentage of the decreased Varroa in the autumn treatment against Varroa with the same amount of broods of bees. Faster spring development in beehives with new lid - the effect of metal sheet. I have not noticed a significant difference in the number of lost bees during the winter.				
Borivoje Bocic	Yes	Yes, but sometimes I must lift the whole inner cover in order to check.	Yes	Yes, it depends.	Drastically in one sense, the lid does not have to be taken off in order to do some of the activities.	The lid does not change anything since I use cannons.	Yes, I am impressed.	The single problem is that the condensation trickles down the beehive.				
Radojko Gole	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	All previous operations of Beenectar lid have a great advantage compared to the standard lid, everything is easier, faster, safer and clearer.	Yes	Yes	On one lid which is close to the feeder the middle part is a little deformed, that is why about ten bees, after they take the syrup, enter the feeder and cannot get back. On the surface of the lid, in early spring, dew appeared on two colonies. The ventilation was opened and both colonies are extremely strong-the main comment of all beekeepers is the price.	Number of the beehive: 1. 7 2. 7 3. 7 4. 6 4. 5	Number of the beehive: 1. 10 2. 10 3. 10 4. 10 4. 8	Number of the beehive: 1. 8 2. 6 3. 7	Number of the beehive: 1. 10 2. 8 3. 10
Branislav Jakovljevic	Yes	Yes	Yes, mostly with the bee bread.	Yes	It is too early to judge general conditions in the beehives and to compare them, the first impression is that they have larger amounts of honey, but it can also be a coincidence.	There is no difference.	Yes, I am more than satisfied with it.	One piece of information is that with Lab-Set lids, at any time, (even when the temperature is above or below zero one can take a look and assess 80% of the state of the colony (the food, the number), it is easier to work, manipulate. I did not quite understand the table above, even if I did, I cannot assess the number in both beehives since the spring development has not finished yet.				
Miroslav Vasiljevic	Yes	I am not sure.	Yes	Definitely, yes.	I do not understand the question	I treat bees with Mitac in summer, oxalic acid, dripping it over the bee streets.Thanks to the simpler way of opening of the beehive I do the treatment faster.		In the beehives with the Beenectar lid they did not get out in the feeder and did not take the syrup except in the one. All the beehives have a bee bread. I have an impression that 3 beehives with the Beenectar lid are the weakest in the bee nest with the bees.				

Predrag Radulovic	Yes	Yes	Yes - a lot	Much easier and safer	Better ventilation; there were ten frames in the beehive (there was no mold), bees got condensated water.	Treatment with oxalic acid and apiguard and ant acid is extremely easy.	Additional feeding with syrup, to stimulate them, the effects were positive.	Better wintering for bees, better spring development, more frames for broods.All these with minimum effort.	Number of the beehive: 1. 10 2. 9 3. 10 4. 8 5. 9	Number of the beehive: 1. 8 2. 8 3. 8 4. 7 5. 7	Number of the beehive: 1. 9 2. 8 3. 8 4. 8 5. 9	Number of the beehive: 1. 7 2. 6 3. 6 4. 7 5. 7
Vladan Jakovljevic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bearing in mind that Beenectar lid functions and fits better and that the micro-climate in the beehive is better.The possibility of adapting the ventilation shutters is the advantage over the standard lids.	Yes, I treat with Mitac 4x	Having fed the bees every night , the difference was obvious.	I did not notice anything special during winter.				
Mile Simonovic	The control of the state of the colony is great through the transparent part of the lid.	The control of the cluster through the transparent part is complete.	It is easy and simple to add the bee bread without opening.	The old lid cannot be compared to Beenectar lid.	I checked the cluster several times during winter. I simply just lifted the lid without opening. I also controlled the transfer of the bee bread.	I treated it with oxalic acid without opening, just lifting the transparent lid. It saves time a lot. There is much less physical work in comparison with the old lid.	It is very easy and simple to pour the syrup.	Wintering of the colony with Beenectar lid is good. The condensation appears when the colony increases development. But the problem is solved with the ventilation. The complete insight into the state of the colony - cluster without the opening of the beehive. The feeder in the lid is of great importance for the feeding and development of the bee colony. With this lid it is easier to work better. It is time-saving.	Number of the beehive: 1. 6 2. 6 3. 6 4. 5 6. 6 7. 5 8. 5 9. 5 10. 6	Number of the beehive: 1. 6 2. 5 3. 5 4. 4 4. 6 6. 5 7. 6 8. 4 9. 3 10. 6	Number of the beehive: 1. 5 2. 6 3. 5 4. 4 4. 5 6. 6 7. 6 8. 5 9. 4 10. 6	Number of the beehive: 1. 4 2. 5 3. 5 4. 3 4. 4 6. 6 7. 5 8. 5 9. 3 10. 6
Živan Radakovic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The bees were calmer during the control and spent supplies of food and treatments were done with oxalic acid. Until I rotated the lid for 180 degrees, in both groups there was capillary damp which could not trickle into the feeder.	Yes, apiguard and oxalic acid.	Yes and it would be great if the daily amount could be limited.	This should be deciphered.	Number of the beehive: 1. 8 2. 8 3. 8 4. 8 5. 8	Number of the beehive: 1. 5 2. 5 3. 4 4. 5 5. 5	Number of the beehive: 1. 8 2. 8 3. 8 4. 8 5. 8	Number of the beehive: 1. 5 2. 3 3. 5 4. 4 5. 4
Vladimir Kovacevic	Yes, partly	No	Yes	Yes	In comparison with the standard lid, there was a huge condensation and damp in colonies with this lid.	No	Yes	I have not noticed anything particular, apart from the mentioned points. All the colonies died off , some with more, some with fewer bees, the same as the colonies under the standard lid.				

Mile Mucalov	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, it was easier	I could easily check the state in the beehives whenever I wanted to, I assessed the amounts of food and whether the queen bee started laying eggs, which is much more complicated with the ordinary inner cover and the cover .	I did, especially this autumn with ant acid and with oxalic acid in winter.	Of course, the feeder is good. The bees eagerly take the food (syrup) from it .	During winter the bees in beehives with your lids behaved normally, there was no mold, it was easy to do the treatment against Varroa using ant acid and oxalic acid. The act of adding the bee bread is fast and simple, spring development is good. When they are moved around the beehives with your lid take less space in a vehicle because of the size (width) of the lid. All in all, it is a good lid. I am satisfied with its features.	Number of the beehive: 1. 5 2. 4 3. 6 4. 6 5. 4 6. 6 7. 6 8. 6 9. 4 10. 5	Number of the beehive: 1. 7 2. 5 3. 7 4. 8 5. 6 6. 8 7. 7 8. 7 9. 5 10. 6	Number of the beehive: 1. 5 2. 4 3. 5 4. 6 5. 6 6. 5 7. 7 8. 4 9. 6 10. 4	Number of the beehive: 1. 6 2. 6 3. 6 4. 7 5. 7 6. 6 7. 8 8. 5 9. 7 10. 5
Dejan Cukalovic	Yes, even more than I expected.	Just visually	It has never been faster and simpler	Much faster	I do not check colonies until the first spring days when the temperature is about 14 °C. I just give them Nosecid through the transparent part of the inner cover.	One Beenectar was done compared with five ordinary inner covers during the same period.			Decreased condensation in bee colonies.			
Bozur Ilic	Yes, although everything had already been done in the preparations for winter so there was no need to check anything.	They were supplied with food on time.	Yes- it is much faster and easier, without disturbing the bees.	Much faster, easier and safer.	New lid is perfect for beekeepers. I could pour syrup at any time, therefore they were supplied with food over winter.	They were treated just with Amitraz.	Additionally fed them about ten times over spring.		During rainy spring beehives are not protected from rain which is noticeable in case of beehives that are painted. The damp appears on lids which is the mistake made by us- beekeepers, and we should use the option with the ventilation shutters that you have foreseen. This table should have been sent to us on time, we could have answered the questions timely, it is harder to remember now.			
Kracun Lucijan	Yes	Yes	It helped a lot	Yes	We had better insight into beehives, it was easier to check the state of the beehives and we reacted on time. A mouse entered one of the beehives so we could react immediately.	It was easier and faster to add oxalic acid to the colony, the colony was open for a shorter period of time and the beehive did not cool.	Yes, I did but we used bee bread more.		It helped us especially when it came to bee swarms, bearing in mind that we used half of the lids for stronger colonies, and the other half for weak colonies. None of the weak colonies died off during winter, what's more they turned out to be quite good colonies (compared to some colonies that were stronger at the very beginning). We can put such a result down to your lid which allows us to constantly and easily control the food and unnoticeably add bee bread to bees.			
Sadik Licina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apart from the answers to four previous questions I have not noticed any other advantages that make the work easier compared to the ordinary lid. The winter in our area was quite mild.	There were no veterinary treatments.	I added half a litre of syrup every other day. The bees consumed the syrup really well.		Considering that the winter was mild, with high temperatures during February and March, ventilation shutters were of great importance and there was no damp in beehives. What I have noticed is that even nowadays there are a lot of dew drops which trickle down from the lid due to the condensation. I have not noticed anything else.			

Stoisa Ivanovic	Checking of the state in the beehive is fast, easy, reliable and without any consequences.	The beekeeper can make a conclusion about the food supplies and the arrangement of the food and about the position of the bee cluster which is familiar to him. According to the position of the cluster and the food arrangement, it is easy to make a certain and obvious conclusion about the amounts of food.	The act of adding the bee bread does not disturb bees, it is done quickly and the thickness of the bee bread is not a problem.	All the activities are done much more safely, efficiently and easily.	I have an impression that bees in beehives with new lids, in stronger colonies, moved easily horizontally, when the conditions were favourable. At the end of the winter period colonies developed better and faster. Ventilation was extraordinary, without damp in beehives and the frames were not moldy, which is not always the case with all other colonies.	The method I use (dripping) is fast, efficient and simple. The access to the formed bee cluster is fast and simple, because the lid, inner cover and the roof are taken off at the same time.	Certainly. This lid, with such a feeder, for these purposes is meticulous.	Installation of the buckles which connect the lid with the other parts is obligatory in winter time. I think that the lid is more practical for stronger colonies. I would not recommend this lid for newly-formed colonies which have not been well prepared. During periods when it snowed and rained heavily I used additional cover made of metal sheet, especially in the period when the snow melted, to prevent the trickling of water into the beehive.	Number of the beehive: 1. 4 2. 6 3. 5 4. 5 5. 6 6. 4 7. 5 8. 6 9. 4 10. 6	Number of the beehive: 1. 6 2. 10 3. 8 4. 9 5. 9 6. 7 7. 9 8. 10 9. 8 10. 10	Number of the beehive: 1. 5 2. 5 3. 6 4. 4 5. 4 6. 6 7. 6 8. 5 9. 4 10. 6	Number of the beehive: 1. 8 2. 7 3. 9 4. 7 5. 6 6. 8 7. 9 8. 7 9. 6 10. 9
Stojan Andjelkovic	Yes. Through the transparent part it is always possible to see the bees.	Yes, in those beehives where the bees came to the top of the frame.	Yes. When adding the bee bread it is enough to open just one half of the lid and add the bee bread.	Yes, easier and faster. Regarding the safety, if we talk about stings, it was not a problem with all other lids either.	Having compared these two lids I did not notice any difference.	I used some organic products (oxalic acid and thymol) for the suppression of Varroa mites, in both cases the lid was of little importance. (I probably worked faster).	Yes. The stimulation gave the same results regardless of the lid type, however with Beenectar lids I worked faster.	I noticed the appearance of condensation on the lid. I like the lid because I can have a glimpse into the bee colony assessing the state in the beehive easily and quickly. The bee bread is added easily. However, I do not like the fact that bees cannot gather all the syrup from the feeder.				
Dusko Mijatovic	Yes, fast and simple control.	Yes, fast and simple.	Yes, it was easy to add bee bread and there is enough space for bee bread.	Yes	One colony with Beenectar lid is the strongest in the beehive (22LR beehives). Two colonies are among 10 best colonies, but when it comes to two average colonies there was a lot of condensation. Bearing in mind that I used the lids for colonies of different strengths, I should give separate analysis, since I did the same with all of them. The colony that withdrew to the lower body, had the most condensation.	Certainly, each activity is easier. I have been using herbal products for over 15, either through food (bee bread or syrup) or sprinkling them over the brood combs, smoking with leaves, and all these methods are easier.	I received liquid food twice in spring, I use my own bee bread and both methods are easier and simpler with Beenectar lid.	In both colonies where the condensation appeared, condensation filled the space between the frame holder and the body, bees withdrew to the lower zone. The number of bees is smaller than of the control population. The average number of population in beehives with Beenectar lid is better than the average number of the control colony. We should observe whether the ventilation shutter stimulates the silence of the bees, I did not notice this in autumn, but I noticed gathering of the bees on the shutters after the bee bread was added. This could be dealt with, but it takes experience. One colony with Beenectar lid has supplies of fruit honey.				

Ivan Jovanovic	Very good and the bees are not disturbed.	Yes	Much easier and faster than with Miller's feeder	Yes	The colony was not disturbed during the checking, there was no damp in the beehive, though there was no damp in control beehives. The work is done more easily. When there is a need to see the bees and their activities in the middle of winter, it can be done without opening the beehive.	I treat beehives - bees using smoke, Mitac and oxalic acid, so there is no difference compared with old lids.	I additionally fed the bees just three times with half a litre of syrup due to the distance at which the beehives are kept. They spent about 4 kilos of bee bread.	The number of bees decreased a lot in beehive number 9 (3 streets), therefore I closed down the colony and added it to the average colony which is not the control colony. Could you tell me if I should put the lid on some of the other beehives so that I could follow further development and yields per beehive. Best regards!	Number of the beehive: 1. 10 2. 12 3. 10 4. 10 5. 12 6. 10 7. 10 8. 12 9. 9 10. 10	Number of the beehive: 1. 11 2. 12 3. 12 4. 13 5. 13 6. 10 7. 9 8. 10 9. 10. 9	br.košnice: 1. 10 2. 10 3. 10 4. 8 5. 10 6. 11 7. 10 8. 10 9. 10 10. 10	br.košnice: 1. 9 2. 8 3. 9 4. 10 5. 10 6. 13 7. 9 8. 9 9. 8 10. 9
Ilija Avramovic	Tes, very fast and simple.	Yes, it is easy to check and give the bee bread.	Yes	Yes	Yes it is good. Perhaps the only disadvantage is that too much water condensates. It can be removed by opening the ventilation shutters. The hinges on the glass are weak. Ventilation shutters fall off due to wind (it must be glued with a tape).	Everything is done faster and more easily.	Yes	I stick to the opinion that the lid is very good and that it helps a lot. The state can be observed faster, and this is the main advantage. We should wait to see if it is fragile in transport and whether it can be deformed by the sun. Price is probably too high, it turns out that its price is almost the same as the price of the beehive.	Number of the beehive: 1. 7 2. 8 3. 8 4. 8 4. 6 6. 7 7. 8 8. 8 9. 5 10. 9	Number of the beehive: 1. 13 2. 14 3. 14 4. 15 4. 14 6. 10 7. 16 8. 14 9. 10 10. 16	Number of the beehive: 1. 8 2. 9 3. 7 4. 8 4. 8 6. 7 7. 9 8. 6 9. 7 10. 8	Number of the beehive: 1. 14 2. 16 3. 9 4. 14 4. 13 6. 13 7. 15 8. 13 9. 15 10. 12
Zoran Dragosavac	Yes	Yes	Certainly.	Yes, faster, easier, more comfortable.	Faster preparation for the wintering. Fast and safe insight into the state of the colony, food amounts and arrangement, regulation of damp surplus, there was no need to use newspapers, cardboards, wooden cover lids, styrofoam etc.	It is easier and faster to insert Apiguard-as well as to control everything through the transparent lid. Smoking with cannons- it is easy to see where the smoke goes through the transparent lid.	I used the feeder for stimulation, I am satisfied with the solution.	I have already mentioned that it is easier and safer to control the state of the colony during wintering. I also noticed that there was less damp (I eagerly awaited first opening of the colony, since the windows were closed during winter). It is too early to assess the characteristics of the lid and the winter was not as cold as previous. All in all, the lid is made well and there are a number of advantages. I will not make a comment about the price.				
Safet Gilic	Yes, without opening the beehives you can observe the state in it.	Certainly.	Yes	It is much faster and simpler, practical and without disturbing the bees.	Colonies in beehives with Beenectar lids are below the honey cap and are not in the brood comb, in beehives with ordinary lids colonies are in the brood comb.	It is easier for the treatment with ant acid, while for smoking or the oxalic acid treatment it is not.	It is much easier to feed them with the syrup.	There are lots of water drops on the transparent part of the lid, but bees cannot use it because of the distance. I think it would be better if this part was movable: if it could be lifted in the winter period 1 cm away from the brood comb and in winter period it should be at the current level.				
Jaroslav Javornik	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wintering is better, good insulation, thanks to the plastic material. Thanks to the new lid the beehive does not cool, especially in February.	No, I do treatments in summer.	Yes	Ventilation shutters are great, air inflow can be regulated in the hive or when all shutters are closed and when the brood starts.				
Ivan Pihler								In June 2013 swarms of bees (1200 grams) were inserted in 20 beehives (LR) and the queen bees had just been fertilised. 10 beehives had your plastic roof. I am pleased to say that all ten bee colonies successfully survived winter.				

Milorad Evtic	Definitely.	Yes, while the cluster was getting to the brood comb.	It as of great help while I was adding bee bread.	100% when we talk about the speed	Ventilation shutters should be adjusted according to the position of the beehives, if they are heading to the south or south-east-shutters should be opened in the front part if they are heading to the north - only one should be opened in the front part that in the case that bee hive is heading to the north.	Yes, for the dripping of the oxalic acid.	Yes, easy and fast when it comes to syrup consumption.	The reduction of damp in the beehive during winter, easy to add the bee bread, and bees are calmer during this process, it is easy to remove the snow and raindrops, the paint does not come off.	Number of the beehive: 1. 20 2. 35 3. 30 4. 35 4. 30	Number of the beehive: 1. 25 2. 30 3. 30 4. 35 4. 35	Number of the beehive: 1. 30 2. 20 3. 25 4. 35 4. 30	Number of the beehive: 1. 25 2. 15 3. 25 4. 30 4. 25
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