

Honeybee Jobs - By Age

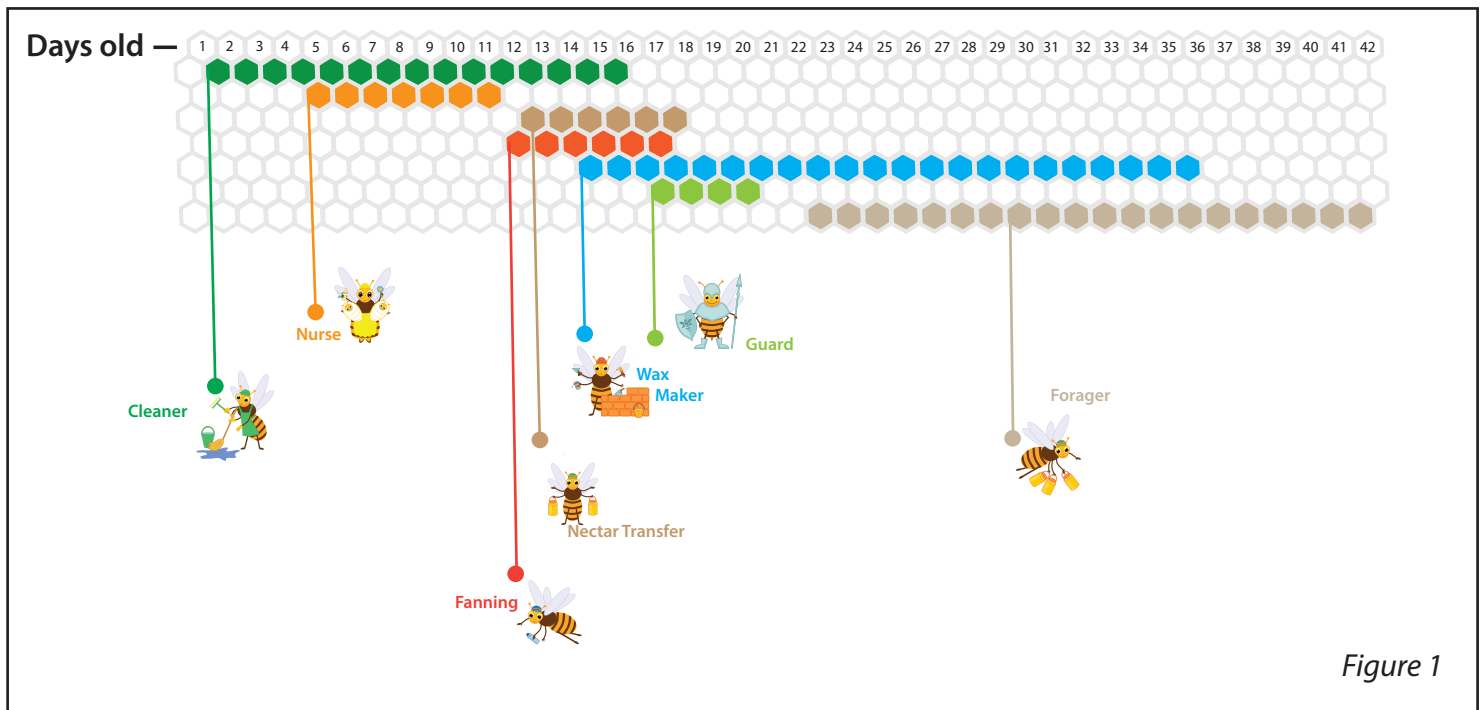


Figure 1

Informed decisions help optimize what honeybees do naturally.

To the casual observer, one honeybee is the same as all the others. To the informed beekeeper, honeybees may look like their sisters but they do different and distinct tasks as they get older.

Honeybees begin helping their colony right after they emerge from their cell. *Figure 1* shows that honeybees live approximately 42 days during the warm months of the year and it also shows the jobs honeybees do at certain ages.

Knowing what tasks honeybees perform at different life stages helps beekeepers improve their practice. Here's a brief list of what kinds of practice rely on having the right age(s)

- Controlling Swarming
- Rearing Queens
- Making Splits
- Improve Queen's Ability to Increase Egg Laying Production
- Improve Honey Production

For a more complete explanation - you can read this blog.

<https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/miamidadeco/2022/08/22/tasks-and-duties-throughout-the-life-cycle-of-a-worker-honey-bee/>