Beekeeper Year

(specific to Bryan/College Station)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Check hives for new brood (temp over 60°)												
Check hives for honey & pollen; feed if needed												
Reverse brood boxes (hives w/ multiple boxes)												
Remove enterance reducers on strong hives												
Move hives to new location												
Remove screened bottom board inserts												
In-depth hive inspections (brood pattern, queen cells, etc)												
Do splits (if drones or ordered queens present)												
Hive inspections looking for swarm cells												
Be ready to add 2nd deep or honey supers												
Weekly hive inspections checking for "space"												
Extract honey from full supers, return to hive												
Verify fresh water source is available												
Use solar wax melter to render wax cappings												
Extract honey from full supers, let bees clean up cappings												
Provide ventilation (eg. Screened top covers)												
Reduce hive space to what bees are using (SHB & WM)												
Hive inspections looking for food shortage from summer dearth												
Perform mite counts & "Apivar-type" treatments												
Fall re-queening (as queens are available)												
Hive inspections - looking for weak hives that may have to be combined												
Switch back to solid inner covers, screened bottom board inserts												
Make sure that each hive box has **at least** 3 full frames of honey												
Reduce hive space to what bees are using (warmth)												
Combine weak hives												
Order queens, packages												
Do Oxalic Acid mite treatments												
Order new equipment, paint, repair, etc												
Inventory, repair, order supplies for next year												
check stored supers for wax moth or mice damage												
check and repair bee suit & protective gear												
Do **NOT** do hive inspections												