

## USE OF VITA FEED GOLD

1 litre of Vita Feed Gold will treat 20 colonies; 250ml of Vita Feed Gold will treat 5 colonies.

50ml Vita Feed Gold required per complete hive treatment. Vita Feed Gold must be diluted before application.

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

### **Trickling Method**

Make a **10% solution** of Vita Feed Gold in sugar syrup (e.g. 50% water, 50% sugar) or water. For example, 50ml Vita Feed Gold + 450ml sugar syrup = 500ml diluted solution ready for application to the hive. 500ml of diluted solution will treat 5 colonies.

Shake the Vita Feed Gold /sugar syrup mixture well.

Apply 100ml of solution per colony by dribbling evenly between the bee spaces. Repeat up to another 4 times (that is 5 treatments altogether), treating every other day.

### **DAY**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Treat		Treat		Treat		Treat		Treat

The full course of treatment (500ml diluted solution per hive) takes 9 days.

### **Feeding Method**

Alternatively, the product can be diluted to **1% solution** and fed to the bees in sugar syrup (10ml Vita Feed Gold: 990ml sugar syrup per colony). Higher concentrations may not be taken so readily by the bees.

Depending on how quickly the bees take the syrup, treatment/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.

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

Vita Feed Gold should be stored at temperatures below 25°C.