

Taking a Sample of Bees

1. Use a matchbox.
2. Open the matchbox and hold it against the frame.
3. Gently run it across the frame and close it before removing the matchbox. (*returning foragers are better, since they are the older bees*).
4. Place the matchbox in a freezer to kill off the bees. Do not leave them in there too long, dissecting squashy bees is difficult and not much fun.
5. A matchbox will hold about 30 bees, which can then be used to diagnose Acarine and Nosema.

Beware – do not do this anywhere near the queen in case of mistakes!