

ASSESSMENT OF BEEKEEPING PROBLEMS IN JADA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF ADAMAWA STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study examined Honey Production Problems in Jada Local Government Area of Adamawa State, Nigeria. Three council Wards were randomly selected for the study. Structured questionnaires were administered among the respondents to elicit information on the beekeeping and the challenges. Data obtained were analyzed using descriptive statistics (frequencies Tables, percentage, and Charts). The results obtained showed that (79.17%) of the respondents were Males which shows the level of involvement in beekeeping activities and who attained the age of 40 and above (37.5%), mostly married (46.67%). Many respondents were not aware of the existence of beekeeping, where their parent (56.67%) formed a major source of information about beekeeping. The results also indicated that only a few (31.67%) of the respondents are aware of the existence of beekeeping while the majority (68.33%) are not. Results of apicultural practices in the study area showed that majority of the respondents (67.5%) do not keep beehives while few (32.5%) keep beehives. The results also showed that majority of the respondents (50%) were still using the traditional means of beekeeping (in Clay pots, Woven grass, and Tree trunks). The results as well revealed that theft (58%), forage scarcity (45.6%) and the use of chemicals (57.28%) accounted as environmental, ecological and practical problems respectively facing the apicultural sub-sector in the study area. Efforts should be geared towards creating more awareness especially through the formation of community-based organization of beekeeping in the study area.

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