

Sugar Board and Patty Preparation

For small patties:

Add 1 oz of water to 1 lb of sugar

2 cups sugar = 1lb

2 tbsp water = 1oz

For filling the entire feeder:

Equipment used:

Large tray under the sugar boards

Large mixing pot

a 2x2 or 2x4 block about 3" high to make a space for bees.

Add 1 Tbsp White or Apple Cider Vinegar to 3 cups water (Do not use "cider" vinegar).

Add 3 cups of water to 8 pounds of sugar.

Start with half batches which are enough for one 8 frame sugar board.

1. Place 8 lbs sugar (16 cups) and add $\frac{1}{2}$ of the water / vinegar. Mix well.
2. Place one layer of newspaper on the screened area to be filled.
3. Place a small block of wood for air spaces in the corners.
4. Pack the sugar around the wood.
5. Move the wood to the next corner and repeat.
6. Pack the remaining sugar mix into the sugar board, smoothing and packing throughout but keeping the air holes created by the wood intact.
7. Remove the wood and set aside to dry for 24 hours.
8. Repeat the process for another sugar board using the remaining half of sugar and liquid