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Honey production from their 1.3 million hives is down by more than half with hungry **bees** forced to eat sugary preparations laid out by the beekeepers in order to survive. news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/3178400.stm

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News - N Ireland - Rain threatens 'starving' bees 5 Jul 2002

Honey bees in Northern Ireland are facing starvation following weeks of bad weather. The poor summer may also hold a financial sting for **honey** lovers.

news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/2094893.stm

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He blamed a lack of sunshine last summer, when the majority of **honey** is produced, for the failure of plants to produce enough nectar for the **bees**.

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News - Highlands and Islands - Buzz-light year as bees struggle 6 Sep 2008

The Scottish Government is due to announce the details of a **bees** strategy next week. Mr Craig said: "Great parts of Scotland have very little **honey**.

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News - Sci/Tech - Deadly mite's threat to bees 21 Jun 1999

The blood-sucking parasite, which came to the UK in 1992, attacks **bees** before the hatch. **Honey bees** will decline, birds which eat seeds will starve and the whole face of the countryside will change." news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_374000/374184.stm

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Scientists believe the **honey** bee may hold the key to understanding more about alcohol addiction. We want to learn if ethanol consumption makes the normally calm, friendly **honey** bee more aggressive." news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/3945035.stm

News - Northern Ireland - Parasite threat to bees survival 24 Apr 2002

Honey bees in Northern Ireland face a new and potentially deadly threat following confirmation that a virulent parasite has arrived. There are simply too many wild **bees** which also carry the mite." news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/northern_ireland/ne.../1948455.stm

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