

An Appraisal of Apicultural Practices in Southwestern Nigeria

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ABSTRACT Apiculture remains one of the most productive resources that has not been earnestly tapped in Nigeria due to nonchalant attitude towards beekeeping and lack of apicultural knowledge. This study, therefore investigated the beekeeping knowledge of beekeepers in the six states of south-western Nigeria. The study population consisted of 60 beekeepers in each state giving an overall total of 360 respondents. Structured interview was used to obtain information from the respondents. Findings revealed that majority of the beekeepers were males, in their forties and married with good level of education. This study however, revealed that gender, age, level of education, religion and marital status of beekeepers did not affect adoption of beekeeping as a business. Majority of the beekeepers have good knowledge of beekeeping. The study revealed that beekeeping is a viable business as the majority of respondents found it very profitable.