

Queen Rearing Calendar (UK)

Age	Day	Date	Task/Event	Notes	Weather
0	Saturday	13/12/2025	Egg layed by breeder/mother queen		
1	Sunday	14/12/2025			
2	Monday	15/12/2025			
3	Tuesday	16/12/2025	Graft day old larvae and put into queenless hive	No. of cells grafted:	
4	Wednesday	17/12/2025			
5	Thursday	18/12/2025	Check grafts, bees should have started drawing the cells	No. of cells accepted:	
6	Friday	19/12/2025			
7	Saturday	20/12/2025			
8	Sunday	21/12/2025	Cells are capped		
9	Monday	22/12/2025	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
10	Tuesday	23/12/2025	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
11	Wednesday	24/12/2025	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
12	Thursday	25/12/2025	Move cells to mating nucs		
13	Friday	26/12/2025			
14	Saturday	27/12/2025			
15	Sunday	28/12/2025	Queens should emerge		
16	Monday	29/12/2025			
17	Tuesday	30/12/2025	Remove empty queen cell		
18	Wednesday	31/12/2025			

19	Thursday	01/01/2026			
20	Friday	02/01/2026	Mating flight period starts		
21	Saturday	03/01/2026			
22	Sunday	04/01/2026			
23	Monday	05/01/2026			
24	Tuesday	06/01/2026			
25	Wednesday	07/01/2026			
26	Thursday	08/01/2026			
27	Friday	09/01/2026			
28	Saturday	10/01/2026			
29	Sunday	11/01/2026			
30	Monday	12/01/2026			
31	Tuesday	13/01/2026			
32	Wednesday	14/01/2026			
33	Thursday	15/01/2026	Check nuc for eggs		
34	Friday	16/01/2026			
35	Saturday	17/01/2026			
36	Sunday	18/01/2026			
37	Monday	19/01/2026			
38	Tuesday	20/01/2026	Check nuc for larvae		
39	Wednesday	21/01/2026			
40	Thursday	22/01/2026	If no eggs or larvae re-queen nuc		