

Queen Rearing Calendar (UK)

Age	Day	Date	Task/Event	Notes	Weather
0	Wednesday	08/04/2026	Egg laid by breeder/mother queen		
1	Thursday	09/04/2026			
2	Friday	10/04/2026			
3	Saturday	11/04/2026	Graft day old larvae and put into queenless hive	No. of cells grafted:	
4	Sunday	12/04/2026			
5	Monday	13/04/2026	Check grafts, bees should have started drawing the cells	No. of cells accepted:	
6	Tuesday	14/04/2026			
7	Wednesday	15/04/2026			
8	Thursday	16/04/2026	Cells are capped		
9	Friday	17/04/2026	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
10	Saturday	18/04/2026	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
11	Sunday	19/04/2026	Avoid moving cells/be gentle if opening hive		
12	Monday	20/04/2026	Move cells to mating nucs		
13	Tuesday	21/04/2026			
14	Wednesday	22/04/2026			
15	Thursday	23/04/2026	Queens should emerge		
16	Friday	24/04/2026			
17	Saturday	25/04/2026	Remove empty queen cell		
18	Sunday	26/04/2026			

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