

**Sustainable Food security with beekeeping [Tigrigna]**

**Audience feedback on the five week participatory  
radio series on improved beekeeping**

**English – Transcription**

## *Part six*

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### **Sustainable Food security with beekeeping**

*It is a program dedicated to show by strengthening beekeeping possible to achieve sustainable food security.*

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*Hello dear listeners today we come to conclude the program that broadcasting for 5 weeks about the value chain of apiary. Today we are going to remained you the main ideas that entertain in the program and you can also give as your impression suggestion and comment through telephone. Stay with us and enjoy our program. For your suggestion use our telephone 410542 or 410548.*

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*I started this job around 1996E.C and 1997E.C. Since, I Started I just add a lot yet to reduce. The reason that I don't interrupt the job is the benefit I get from this business .it has high profit so I looked at the benefit and I just continued. At the beginning in 1996 E .C I got three modern bee hives. After I see the benefit of these three bee hives I accumulate a lot. This time I have around 35 modern bee hives. Even now I have a lot modern bee hives that are ready. Looking at the benefit I planned to take more. Before 1996 and 1997 we used traditional methods and the result and benefit was low. After*

*1996 and 1997 the government and the agriculture bureau introduce us with modern methods. Even from one traditional bee hive you can't get more than 25 or 30 kg honey. But from the modern one you can get 75 to 90 kg. If you are good in handling modern bee hive you can get 70, 80 or 90 kg. Above all last year the product reaches 90 kg from one modern bee hive. What makes me get this amount is because I believe in it. And I collect/get more bee hives. A kilo of honey was sold by 110 birr. We get a lot of money.*

#### **Transitional music**

*My name is Assefu Abreha. I live in Tabia Haielom qushet Adiminor. I engage in beekeeping because I choose it and get benefit. I got good experience in those years I practiced beekeeping. I have a plan even to add some more beehives. It has good income. I extract honey three times during autumn and if the summer is good two times. I have around seven beehives and they have good production. Even if I don't save money, I live a good life. When we put super hive, productivity increases which means our financial capacity increases too. What is expected of us is only taking care of the bees. Then we secure thousands of birr. Beekeeping has encouraging benefits. I personally have managed to improve my life standard well because of beekeeping. I can feed my children any kind of their choice and provide them with better clothing compared to the previous. Thanks to beekeeping, I am doing well.*

#### **Transitional music**

*I am called Birhane Kahsay. I am in ministry of agriculture animal science quality and market assessment expert. At this time, if you look at the expense for farm products and the income the farmers getting, the farmers are becoming more beneficiary. In the past times, the price for farm products was cheap. But these days, the price of farm products is decided by farmers. Therefore, it is the farmers that are beneficiary.*

#### Transitional music

*I work both side by side. Fertilizing honeybees and selling honey. This time since it has good income we focus on breeding honeybees. It is not that much difficult to breed bees. The demand of honey this time is high. The farmers are expected to focus on the quality and to produce a lot. If we are organized at the Woreda and regional level, we can earn a lot of money and we can make our living. But the main problem is we didn't create good communication link to maximize our benefit*

#### Transitional music

**We advice beekeepers not to use inappropriate material to hold honey. We inform them to use hard materials that do not rust. if they use like pot, sack and the like containers honey could smell bad and there could be bacteria and other chemicals that affected the quality of honey. It is possible to put the honey in plastic container and preserve it for long time and It plays great role to show the honey in a better way in the market places.**

## Transitional music

*During winter when we look at what should be done for bees, it is the time that is difficult to get food for bees. It is sunny season. The hives that are made of wood become warm. So, we should place hives in a place that is not exposed to the sun.*

*At the beginning of spring, it is during this time we extract yellow color honey. Before summer enters the hives should be cleaned.*

## Transitional music

*Now let's move to our listeners opinion that gave us by telephone call. Especially from the two Woredas that took as model, Atsibewonberta and kilteawlaelo.*

How were our programs? How helpful were they to the farmers? How do they evaluate the programs?

## Call 1

*One of the programs that compared the two woredas, Atsibewonberta with our neighboring woreda kilteawlaelo, which focused on the market situation, quality of honey and the experience of beneficiary farmers was good. Even we asked the beneficiaries of our Woredas beekeepers and they said such program should continue*

*next times. The media role in creating market link is encouraging. After the program transmitted some farmers visited our office and asked us about the project, beekeeping*

## *Call 2*

*The program that focused on how to establish the bee yard was appreciated by the listeners in our Woreda. It is better if you can give more coverage on some issues like market link, use of equipments. The other opinion given by listeners of the woreda was the improvements we did in preserving honey should be given attention in the program.*

**We would like to thank to those who gave us opinion by phone. And we finish today's program. Good bye**

**Transitional music**