



Saskatchewan Beekeepers
Development Commission

2024 Self Sufficiency: Breaking the Dependency Workshop Agenda (Breeding Bees for Mite Resistance)

Wednesday March 6th, 2024: Virtual Workshop

- 9:00 Welcome and Updates of SBDC Activities **Nathan Wendell – SBDC President**
- 9:15 Combating *Varroa* through breeding: A summary of past and current efforts towards healthier bees. **Dr. Arian Avalos**
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:15 Grooming behaviour, low varroa growth, and the mechanisms behind varroa resistance. **Dr. Nuria Morfin**
- 11:00 History of Ontario Bee Breeding Program- Queen Breeding and Production of Quality Queens in Tuckamore Bee Company **Alison Van Alten**
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 Mite-Biting Bees: Successful Breeding Program in USA **Krispin Given**
- 2:00 The Saskatraz Breeding and Selection Program In Canada **Dr. Albert Robertson**
- 2:45 **Break**
- 3:00 Honey Bee Breeding Program Design Options **Dr. Medhat Nasr**
- 3:45 Saskatchewan Mite Management Update 2024 **Geoff Wilson**
- 4:30 **Ajourn**

