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JARRAH HONEY IN SHORT SUPPLY

The Western Australian Farmers Federation (Inc.) (WAFarmers) is warning of shortages of jarrah honey in Western Australia.

WAFarmers Beekeepers Section President Dave Leyland says there will be a shortage of the popular jarrah honey in 2008 resulting in higher prices being paid by the consumer.

“This current beekeeping season has proved to be a very trying one for beekeepers in Western Australia.”

“Jarrah trees from the south-west of Western Australia were very well budded which promised a good year of honey production, however unfavourable climatic conditions meant this result was not achieved,” Mr Leyland said.

“There will be strong demand for the small amount of Jarrah honey for sale so it is inevitable that the consumer will be facing higher prices.”

It is hoped that there will be a Jarrah honey crop this coming summer as Western Australian Jarrah trees have produced a fresh crop of buds.

“This is unusual as Jarrah trees normally flowers every two years,” Mr Leyland concluded.

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