

Table(2): Effect of supplemental feeding at different periods on weight of body and mucus gland, and right fore-wing of honey bee drones.

Feeding periods (weeks)	Drone measurements (Mean ± SE)									
	Body weight (mg)						Mucus gland		Right fore-wing (mm)	
	Newly emerged drones				Mature drones		Weight (mg)	Increment (%)	Length	Width
	Fresh	Increment (%)	dry	Increment (%)	Fresh	Increment (%)				
I 10-week	186.3A ±2.63	4.8	44.8a ±0.85	11.2	180.8(a) ±1.32	12.3	12.8(A) ±0.34	19.6	11.8a ±0.07	3.8A ±0.04
II 8-week	185.3A ±1.55	4.2	43.8ab ±0.45	8.7	180.3(ab) ±1.70	12.0	12.4(A) ±0.23	15.9	11.8a ±0.007	3.8A ±0.08
III 6-week	185.3A ±4.55	4.2	43.0ab ±0.71	6.7	177.5(ab) ±4.05	10.3	12.5(A) ±0.27	16.8	11.7a ±0.03	3.7A ±0.04
IV 4-week	181.8A ±2.40	2.3	42.5b ±0.66	5.5	170.0(bc) ±4.12	5.6	12.0(A) ±0.46	12.2	11.7a ±0.04	3.8A ±0.03
V Control (natural nutrition)	177.8A ±3.33	-	40.3c ±0.25	-	161.0 (c) ±3.44	-	10.7(B) ±0.11	-	11.7a ±0.04	3.7A ±0.05

Means followed by the same letters, within the same column, are not significantly different at 0.05 level of probability.