



# EXTENSION COMMUNITY

## Bee Health

The goal of Bee Health is to facilitate knowledge transfer of sustainable bee management practices, which will secure continued pollination of our natural and agricultural plant communities. Insect pollination by honey bees and native bees is critical to reproduction of necessary food crops and wild plants that compose our ecosystem and improve our quality of life. Beekeepers, farmers, homeowners, gardeners and land managers can look to Bee Health for the latest information on improving the health of bees.

### Information –

**Honey Bee Biology** – Knowledge of basic honey bee biology forms the foundation of successful beekeeping. The Bee Health site includes in-depth coverage of honey bee anatomy and morphology, individual and colony level behavior, the development of all colony members, and information on races of honey bees.

**Research Summaries** – Bee Health provides the latest updates on research focusing on Colony Collapse Disorder and other current issues to give the public the opportunity stay informed about the research that generates the recommendations of our experts.

**Diseases and Pests** – Knowledge about the identification and diagnosis of bee diseases and pests are provided with the emphasis on sustainable management tactics and breeding for improvement.

### Answers –

**FAQs** – Over 100 Frequently Asked Questions provide answers to questions ranging from what homeowners should do about honey bee swarms in their back yard, to how beekeepers can identify and treat for microsporidial diseases in their colonies. Answers also provide guidance for farmers and gardeners to utilize native bees for pollination. Pollination strategies are explained, as well as honey bee products such as honey, propolis, and wax.

**Ask an Expert** – If your question is not answered through the FAQs or other articles, the Ask an Expert feature can be used to contact Cooperative Extension personnel to answer your question, or find someone knowledgeable who can.

### Leadership –

This knowledge comes from experts involved in the USDA-ARS Area-wide Program for Improving Honey Bee Health, the CSREES, NRI/AFRI Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP) for Sustainable Solutions to Problems Affecting Health of Managed Bees, and many other individual bee experts and programs that have experienced, tested strategies and new research to share with the public.

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