

Bees may be
SMALL
but they are
MIGHTY

important to
Agriculture's Future and
ecosystem stability.



Together we can help beekeepers improve the health of their bees. Sustainable farming promotes healthy populations of bees, native pollinators, and other beneficial insects. Let consumers know that you are practicing "bee friendly farming."

Certify your farm, ranch, orchard, or vineyard in the *Bee Friendly Farming* (BFF) program and receive recognition, prestige, and consumer support for your efforts toward promoting bee health and populations.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THE
BEE FRIENDLY FARMING PROGRAM PLEASE VISIT:
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**MORE RESOURCES ON HOW TO SUPPORT BEE HEALTH
AND POLLINATOR POPULATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
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Stewarding for Healthy Bees on Working Lands

10 Tips for Caring Growers

- 1 Check the label of any pesticide for safety to bees.** Realize that a number of insecticide/fungicide combinations are more toxic to bees than single ingredients alone!
- 2** Apply insecticides and fungicides (even “safe” ones!) at dusk or later to avoid foraging bees.
- 3** Avoid spraying fungicides during crop bloom.
- 4** Minimize use of extended residue compounds.
- 5** Target only infested areas for pest and herbicide applications; avoid overspray. Be aware that bees can be poisoned when foraging upon flowering weeds in non-flowering crops.
- 6** Remember that honey bees can easily forage two miles in any direction from their hive.
- 7** Bees and wildlife can be poisoned by pesticide-contaminated water—keep pesticides out of streams and ditches.
- 8** Set aside untilled areas in which native ground-nesting bees can maintain populations.
- 9** Grow a diversity of native wildflowers near crops to provide pollen and nectar throughout the seasons to help provide balanced nutrition for bees.
- 10** The planting of bee forage in uncultivated areas can help improve bee (and other beneficial insect) health and populations.



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