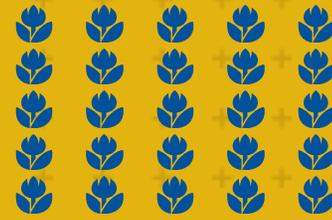




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BEES ARE A BIG DEAL



The latest Buzz on Bees



1 BEE COLONY
CAN POLLINATE
300 MILLION FLOWERS
EACH DAY

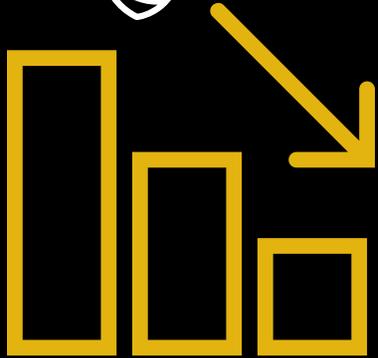
BEES POLLINATE
FRUITS, NUTS,
AND VEGETABLES

BEES POLLINATE
ABOUT 90% OF
THE WORLD'S
NUTRITION SUPPLY

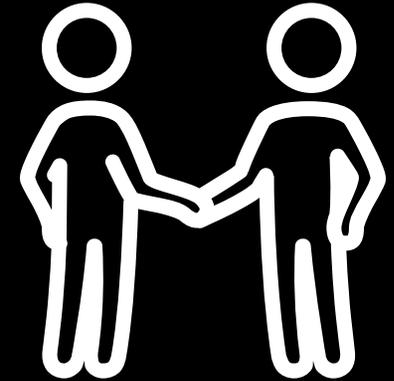
Pollinators, such as bees, play a vital role in our everyday lives and are often underappreciated or overlooked.



TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE.



NRCS estimates that during the past 50 years, the number of managed honey bees have declined. Each winter since 2006, about 30 percent of beehives collapsed because of disease, parasites, poor nutrition, pesticide exposure and other issues.



But where there is awareness and willingness to help, there is hope. The way we manage our resources on private lands directly impacts pollinator habitat. Through voluntary land stewardship NRCS is helping landowners improve pollinator habitat and help reverse this decline in pollinator species.



Check out this video on how NRCS is working with landowners to create Pollinator Habitat.





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POLLINATORS PACK AN ECONOMIC PUNCH



There are more than

20,000

species of bees
that contribute to
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Pollinator
ecological services
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oh
Honey!

#POLLINATOR MONTH

**1.6 million
tons**

of honey produced annually
by western honeybees.



Between \$235 billion and \$577 billion worth of annual global food production relies on direct contributions by pollinators. Pollination services to U.S. agricultural crops is valued at \$10 billion annually.





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75%

of the

**WORLD'S
FOOD
CROPS**

that depend at
least
in part on
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