



# The State of Utah Honey Bee Health Conference 2016



**THURS**  
November 10th  
2016 ■ ■ ■

Hilton Garden Inn  
1731 South Convention Center Drive  
St. George, Utah

**- FREE  
EVENT! -**

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food will be hosting the first State of Utah Honey Bee Health Conference. Attendees will be presented with results of state and county inspections, learn about invasive honey bee pests and hear about the latest science on bee health. There will also be workshops on diagnosing honey bee maladies and more! This is a free event open to beekeepers of all skill levels and the general public.

## Special Guest

**Diana Cox-Foster**, Ph.D., is a Research Leader at the USDA-ARS-PWA Pollinating Insects Research Unit in Logan, Utah. Her research focuses on bees and their interactions with pathogens and stresses (parasites, lack of nutrition, and pesticide exposure). She works on honey bees, bumble bees, blue orchard bees, and alfalfa leaf-cutting bees and has interests in other native bee species. Cox-Foster was one of the honey bee researchers that performed initial studies on Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and was the co-Chair of the CCD working group.



## Schedule

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| 6:00 pm | Welcome—Kristopher Watson, Insect Program Manager                                |
| 6:10 pm | Summary of State Inspections—Joey Caputo, State Inspector                        |
| 6:30 pm | Washington County Report—Casey Lofthouse, Washington County Inspector            |
| 6:45 pm | Invasive Honey Bee Pest Detection—Stephen Stanko, State Inspector                |
| 7:00 pm | Promoting Honey and Native Bee Health—Dr. Diana Cox-Foster, USDA Research Leader |

## Workshops

**Begin at 8:00 pm**

How to diagnose American foulbrood disease

Measuring your Varroa mite load

Proper application of miticides

Reporting suspected pesticide poisonings

*This event is being organized by the Utah State and County Cooperative Apiary Program*

*For more information about this event or the Apiary Program call 801-538-4912 or visit: <http://ag.utah.gov/plants-pests/beekeeping.html>*

