

Utah Managed Pollinator Protection Plan
Best Management Practices

LANDOWNERS

Landowners can take steps to prevent honey bee poisonings. Below are some simple, inexpensive steps which growers can take to reduce damage to non-target insects:

Work with beekeepers to choose hive locations. The beekeeper and the landowner should work together to find a location which suits both parties.

Discuss honey bee issues with renters. There should be good communication between parties regarding considerations related to beekeeping.

Decide who is responsible for locating hives and notifying beekeepers of application. If a commercial pesticide applicator is contracted to make applications, be sure to make clear who has the responsibility of locating and notifying nearby beekeepers.

If it is dangerous to bees, consider selecting an alternative chemical. Read the label to determine if a pesticide is hazardous to bees. Consider using a different chemical or formulation that is less hazardous to bees.

Control weeds before they begin to bloom. If weeds are already in bloom, kill them mechanically or with a selective herbicide that is not hazardous to bees.

Advice from agronomists should incorporate pollinator concerns. Crop consultants and agronomists should consider the effects of management recommendations on pollinators.

Plant for pollinators. Plant flowering plants, trees and shrubs to provide forage sources for honey bees, especially in non-crop or non-farmable areas.

CONTACTING BEEKEEPERS PRIOR TO PESTICIDE APPLICATION

Currently there is no public database for applicators or landowners to locate beekeepers in their area. Therefore the department suggests that beekeepers are located and notified in the following ways:

Communicate with your applicator. If you have bees on your property, give the beekeepers contact information to the applicator.

Be cognitive of beehives in your area. Look for beehives or bee flags. If you locate hives, introduce yourself to the beekeeper and exchange information.

Ask neighbors if they keep bees or know others that keep bees.

Contact the department. If you are concerned there are bees in your area, contact the Apiary Program and a honey bee specialist can help you determine if hives are nearby.

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